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OF THE ASSOCIATE SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA, AT THEIR FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING, HELD IN WASHINGTON, PA., MAY 28TH, 1841, AND CONTINUED BY ADJOURNMENT TO THE 4TH OF JUNE.

The synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer, by the Rev. Thomas S. Kendall, Moderator, after sermon from Jer. iii. 17. (1st clause,) "At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord."

MEMBERS PRESENT.

[The names of members marked thus (\*) were not present at the opening of synod.]

*Of the Presbytery of Cambridge.*

Messrs. A. Anderson, D. Gordon, J. E. Miller,\* ministers; Samuel Dobbin,\* Edward Small, ruling elders.

*Of the Presbytery of Chicago.*

Rev. James Manning, minister.

*Of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.*

Messrs. Wharton, McNaughton,\* J. T. Cooper,\* ministers; Joseph B. Dickson, ruling elder.

*Of the Presbytery of Illinois.*

Rev. William Bond, minister.

*Of the Presbytery of Indiana.*

Messrs. Bayles, Dickson, J. L. McLean,\* ministers.

*Of the Presbytery of Michigan.*

Messrs. Heron, White, Wallace, Kendall, Hall and Smart, ministers; and Messrs. George C. Harper, and Joseph Templeton, ruling elders.

*Of the Presbytery of Richmond.*

Messrs. Hindman, Lindsey, M'Kee, Forrester, J. Law,\* ministers; Messrs. James Auld, John Wilson, Robert Targart, ruling elders.

*Of the Presbytery of Washington.*

Messrs. Walker, Evans, D. McLean, M'Arthur, T. Wilson, Patterson,\* M'Gill,\* ministers; Messrs. Alexander Hammond, Robert Maxwell, Robert M'Call, Andrew King, Thomas George,\* David Virtue,\* S. Wilson,\* ruling elders.

*Of the Presbytery of Ohio.*

Messrs. Imbrie, Murray, Scroggs, Goodwillie, Douthet, J. P. Ramsay, Harsha, ministers; Messrs. Robert Ramsay, John Frew, David Houston, Hugh Nelson, Samuel M'Cormac, ruling elders.

*Of the Presbytery of Shenango.*

Messrs. D. McLean and Small, ministers; and Mr. George Barnes, ruling elder.

*Of the Presbytery of Chartiers.*

Drs. Ramsay and Beveridge, Messrs. Donnan, French, McElwee, Boyd, Thompson, Brown, Wilson,\* ministers; and Messrs. Joseph Harper, James Martin, Matthew R. Atcheson, Neily Sawhill, Samuel Murdock, James Shellitoe, James Thom, Joseph Brownlee, James Crawford, ruling elders.

*Of the Presbytery of Alleghany.*

Messrs. Banks, Rodgers, McAuley, Gilkerson, J. Scroggs,\* Blair,\* J. Hindman,\* Galbraith,\* ministers.

Mr. Edward Small, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Cambridge, being present, was, on motion, invited to a seat.

On motion, it was resolved, that the standing hour of meeting in the morning be 9 o'clock; of adjournment, 12; and of meeting in the afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

Thursday, May 27.

The synod met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the moderator. Members present as above, together with Mr. Miller, minister, and Samuel Dobbin, ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Cambridge; Mr. McNaughton, minister, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia; Messrs. Patterson and McGill, ministers, and Messrs. Thomas George and David Virtue, ruling elders, from the Presbytery of Muskingum; and Messrs. John Hindman and J. Scroggs, ministers, from the Presbytery of Alleghany.

Dr. Beveridge was chosen moderator.

After a recess of ten minutes, the following standing committees were appointed, namely;

*Committee of Supplies*—Dr. Ramsay, and Messrs. J. Hindman, McNaughton, Martin, Anderson, Small, D. Goodwillie, Dickson, Hanna, W. Bruce, Hall, and McKee.

*Committee of Bills and Overtures*—Messrs. Anderson, Donnan, and Webster.

*Committee on the Funds*—Messrs. Miller, J. R. Dickson, and S. Murdock.

*Committee on the Seminary*—Messrs. Rodgers, McNaughton, and Smart.

*Committee on Appeals*—Messrs. D. Thompson, J. Scroggs and Murray.

*Committee on Missions*—Messrs. Hanna, Hall and Cooper.

*Committee on the Revisal of the last Minutes*—Mr. McElwee, Dr. Ramsay and Mr. Walker.

*Committee on Presbyterial Reports*—Messrs. Rodgers, D. McLean, jr., and D. Goodwillie.

Papers being called for, the following were given in and read, namely,

No. 1. The Report of the Presbytery of Muskingum, which was, on motion, referred to the Committees of Supplies and Missions.

*Report of the Presbytery of Muskingum.*

Since the last meeting of Synod, some changes, chiefly of an afflictive character, have taken place among us. We are called to lament the removal by death, of a worthy and venerated brother in the ministry. The Rev. Andrew Isaac was suddenly called, in the month of September last, from his labours in the church below, to reap, we trust, the rich reward of a faithful servant of Christ. By this bereavement, two congregations are thrown destitute of a regular dispensation of ordinances, and are looking to us for supply.

At our meeting in June last, Mr. Clokey gave in to Presbytery a statement of certain grievances affecting him, in the proceedings in a case where he was an appellant to Synod last year; this was accompanied with his protest against the decision of Synod in the above case, together with his *declinature* of the authority of Presbytery and the communion of the church.

Presbytery receiving this last step as a violation of his ordination vows, and as manifesting a spirit of insubordination, considered themselves bound, in the exercise of a scriptural discipline to suspend him from the office of the ministry and the fellowship of the church, which they accordingly did. By this deed two more congregations are placed on the list of our vacancies. Mr. George C. Vincent was licensed to preach the gospel in June last. The demand for supply of preachers in our bounds has been unusually urgent during the past year; whilst some are making defections from a covenanted cause, it is encouraging to observe that our people generally discover an attachment to our witnessing profession and a desire to enjoy ordinances under the banner of a testimony for truth. The portion of supply allotted us by Synod has all been received, with one exception; Mr. D. Anderson did not appear, nor has he given us any reason for his failure: we regret this the more as it subjected many of our vacancies to serious disappointment. Mr. John Bryan having declined going on the Southern Mission, supplied a portion of that time in our vacancies with great acceptance; a call for him from the Associate Congregations of Sharon, New Market, and Jefferson has been sustained by Presbytery, and is herewith transmitted to Synod, with the request that it may be presented for acceptance.

The subject of Foreign Missions has been under our consideration, and we have adopted the following resolution as expressive of our view of the duty of Synod: namely, Whereas the church is authorized to send the gospel to every creature, and the destitute and perishing condition of the heathen demand our sympathies and our labours: that the promise may be fully accomplished, "that unto Jesus every knee shall bow,"—Therefore, resolved, That this Presbytery earnestly recommend to Synod, speedily to adopt measures for sending the gospel to the heathen, where there may be the best prospect of success, and where the Providence of God may direct.

All the members of Presbytery have observed the Synodical fast.

By order of Presbytery.

THOMAS HANNA, *Presbytery Clerk.*

No. 2. The Report of the Presbytery of Cambridge, which was, on motion, referred to a special Committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Seroggs, Ingles, and Wallace, also to the Committee of Supplies.

*Report of the Associate Presbytery of Cambridge.*

This presbytery desire to acknowledge, with gratitude, the good hand of God on the churches under their care. While the current of unbelief in the authority of Christ in his ordinances runs strong, and especially so in this section of our church; while much effort is used to seduce the people into this current, yet God has been pleased to support his ordinances among us; to lead the people to manifest their attachment to them, and, we trust, to profit by them. But presbytery find themselves utterly unable to give adequate supply to the vacancies now under their care. In addition to the vacancies reported by this presbytery to the last meeting of synod, the congregations of Barnet and Ryegate, in the state of Vermont, must now be included. These congregations, too, have a peculiar claim to our attention, as they are divided and distracted by the conduct of their former pastors, in connexion with the deposed members of the Presbyteries of Cambridge and Albany. We believe that a sufficient number of these congregations adhere to the synod to support one missionary among them the whole time, and their peculiar circumstances require it. The supplies appointed to us by Synod the past year have duly fulfilled their appointments, and we have, in addition, obtained, with at least the tacit consent of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, the acceptable assistance of Mr. De Freest during that portion of his time allotted to them. We hope synod will consider the pecu-

liar situation of this presbytery, and of their vacancies, and afford us as much supply as will be consistent with the necessities of other portions of our church.

As the commission of synod sent to the Presbytery of Vermont did not succeed in obtaining the submission of those brethren, the charge of further dealing with them has, by the decision of synod, fallen to us. Two citations, accompanied by a warning, have been duly served on them, but they have neither appeared nor given an answer. The presbytery have also cited Dr. Alexander Bullions and Mr. Stalker to appear, but without effect. Presbytery request the advice and direction of synod on all these cases.

An appeal by Thomas McCleery has been made from a decision of this presbytery, which, with accompanying papers, will be laid before synod.

A call for Mr. John M. French, from the congregation of Cambridge, has been sustained by presbytery, and is herewith transmitted to synod for presentation.

Synod's fast has been observed in all our congregations, except, perhaps, in some of the vacancies.

Presbytery ask leave to appropriate the students' funds which have the past year been raised in our bounds, to the education of students among us; and also that this liberty may be granted to presbytery as long as the cause of education in our bounds may require it.

A. ANDERSON, *Presbytery's Clerk.*

*Hebron, May 5, 1841.*

No. 3. The Report of the Presbytery of Shenango, which was, on motion, returned to said Presbytery, with instructions to report fully their dealings with Mr. A. Boyd.

No. 4. The Report of the Presbytery of Illinois, which was, on motion, referred to the Committees of Supplies and on the Funds.

*Report of the Presbytery of Illinois.*

We have the satisfaction of informing synod that prosperity attends the congregations under our care. The supply granted by synod has been received in part. Mr. Smith punctually fulfilled his appointments, and, passing along the whole line of our operations, visited the southern as well as the northern vacancies. Mr. Vincent fulfilled his mission only in part. The contributions this year have been as liberal as usual, but there remains a balance of twenty-four dollars due to Mr. Vincent, which presbytery have agreed to request synod to pay.

Three of our vacancies are ready for settlement, and we occupy several preaching stations not yet organized, which Presbytery think it a duty to cherish. The demand for preaching becomes every year more frequent and urgent, and gradually brings to view more "waste places" in different parts of this extensive region. To answer all these demands, and aid all who call upon us, is impossible, for our disposable force for the two years past has scarcely been sufficient to keep possession of the stations we have already occupied. If we consider the destruction effected by the scarcity of gospel ordinances, the advantage Satan is gaining, and the ruin consequent upon ignorance, infidelity, and unbelief, we have surely sufficient reasons for making more spirited exertions in the cause of Christ. We therefore earnestly entreat synod to send us a force, by which, through our Lord's blessing, we may be enabled not only to maintain his cause where it is espoused, but also to plant his standard in those places where it has for years been so earnestly desired.

A call upon Mr. William Smith, from the united Associate congregations of Pisgah and Tirzah, Henry county, Iowa Territory, has been sustained by presbytery, and, with accompanying papers, is transmitted, with a request that it be presented as soon as practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BRUCE, *Moderator.*

J. C. BRUCE, *Clerk pro tem.*

No. 5. The Report of the Presbytery of Miami, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

*Report of the Presbytery of Miami.*

To the Associate Synod, to meet in Washington, Pa., on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1841, the Presbytery of Miami respectfully report—

That no material change has taken place in the state of the congregations under our inspection since our last report. While there is a commendable attention, on the part of both ministers and people, to the outward observance of religious duties, we have to lament our lukewarmness in spiritual and divine things, on account of which God has been provoked to withhold the quickening influences of the Spirit; few come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. But though the ways of our Zion do mourn, because few come to her solemn feasts, yet we would encourage ourselves in the Lord our God, knowing that he will never quit nor forsake his own inheritance. The subject of missions to the heathen world has been under



the consideration of presbytery. A memorial, earnestly entreating synod to enter upon this important work without delay, will, in due time, be laid before you. Appeals have been taken from the decisions of presbytery in two cases, which, with the accompanying papers, will be laid before you. A call has been sustained from the united congregations of Big Spring, Pistol Creek, and Salem, for Mr. D. H. A. M'Lean; also from the united congregations of Darby and Sugar Run, for Mr. John Bryan. These calls are herewith transmitted for presentation. A call has been sustained from the united congregations of Poplar Ridge and Plainfield for the Rev. John M'Auley, and transmitted to the Associate Presbytery of Alleghany for presentation. The subject of occasional hearing has been under our consideration, and the following resolutions were adopted, viz:—

1st. Resolved, That, in the view of this presbytery, the practice of occasional hearing is contrary both to the word of God and the standards of our church, and is, in our view, a practice much to be deprecated, and should be prevented; and, therefore, we instruct the sessions of the congregations under our care to make every effort in their power, consistent with the laws of Christ's house, to prevent this evil.

2d. Resolved, That we, as a presbytery, request synod, at the next meeting, to give a statement of her views on this subject, and to give specific directions to sessions as to what course they should pursue in this matter, and embody such views in our subordinate standards, together with the scripture authority on which they are based. Presbytery would communicate to synod the information that Mr. Heron has preached in Xenia twice since the last meeting of synod, in violation, as we believe, of the substance of synod's order, and we refer the consideration of the matter to synod. We desire our full proportion of whatever supply may be at the disposal of synod.

JAMES WALLACE, *Moderator.*

GEORGE M. HALL, *Presbytery's Clerk.*

No. 6. A memorial on the subject of foreign missions, from the Presbytery of Miami, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Missions.

Mr. Cooper, minister from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, appeared, and took his seat.

No. 7. A communication from the Rev. A. Gordon, containing his excuse for absence, which was sustained. The remainder of the paper was, on motion, referred to a special committee, with instructions to consider and report on the propriety and expediency of our opening a correspondence with the General Assembly of the established Church of Scotland, in reference to the controversy in which they are at present involved. Messrs. Donnan, Miller and Heron were appointed said committee.

On motion resolved, that the several calls reported from the different presbyteries, be ordered to be laid on the synod's table.

Papers relating to the appeals alluded to in the reports of the Presbyteries of Shenango and Cambridge were, on motion, referred, without reading, to the Committee of Appeals.

No. 8, was given in and read, namely, a memorial from the Theological Students in respect of Foreign Missions, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Missions.

A petition, signed by certain students of theology, was read, in reference to the use of the hall in the Seminary Buildings, for discussions on the subject of slavery and other moral subjects. Said paper was, together with all the other papers on the subject, referred to a select committee, with instructions to report to-morrow morning. Messrs. Martin, Kendall, and Walker were appointed said committee.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, minister, and Mr. Samuel Wilson, ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Muskingum, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Joseph R. Dickson was, on motion, appointed to act as trea-

surer, pro tem., of the synod's Bible fund, and also for foreign missions.

On motion, Messrs. French and M'Auley were appointed to lead in the exercises of praise and prayer to-morrow morning.

On motion, resolved, that so much of the report of the Presbytery of Miami as regards Mr. Heron's preaching in Xenia, be referred to the same committee to which that subject was referred last year.

Adjourned until the usual hour.

Closed with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of the forenoon sitting were read and corrected.

Papers being called for, the following were given in and read, namely,

The Report of the Presbytery of Shenango, as amended, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Supplies, and as much of it as regards the case of Mr. A. Boyd to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Rodgers, Patterson and S. Wilson.

To the Associate Synod to meet at Washington, the 4th Wednesday of May, 1841.

*Report of the Associate Presbytery of Shenango.*

The prosperity of the church in the bounds of this presbytery seems to increase. Mineral Ridge Congregation has been organized, and petitions from sundry places for supply of gospel ordinances. Mr. D. H. A. M'Lean, after the usual trials and examinations, was licensed to preach the everlasting gospel on the 4th of June, 1840. Two calls were moderated; One in the united congregations of New Castle, New Wilmington, and Mount Prospect; the other in the congregations of Mercer and Salem, for the ministerial services of D. H. A. M'Lean, which were sustained, and are now forwarded to synod for presentation, or such other disposal of them as may be judged proper. By consent, the pastoral relation of the Rev. Daniel M'Lean to Salem congregation was dissolved, and his labours are to be confined to Shenango, the other branch of his original charge. A call from Mineral Ridge Congregation was moderated for a part of the Rev. Wm. Douthet's time. This call presbytery refer to synod for disposal, and also petition synod to attach the said Wm. Douthet and his present charge, originally in our bounds, to Shenango Presbytery. Last summer a charge was brought by Rocky Spring Session, against Wm. Gailey, who held the office of constable, for apprehending some runaway negroes, and said session passed sentence against him, and he appealed to presbytery. The presbytery, after hearing the parties, decided to make some abatement of the censure, or to sustain the aforesaid session so far as to disapprove of Wm. Gailey's conduct. From this decision of the presbytery, the Rev. E. Small has taken an appeal. This, with the reasons given in the case, together with the answers and accompanying papers, are respectfully submitted to synod for adjudication. The last synodical fast was observed in the settled congregations. Presbytery, in obedience to synod's instructions in their last minutes in reference to Rev. A. Boyd, have issued his case, by disapproving his conduct, and desire synod to give him appointments like other itinerants,\* and again crave a just proportion of supply.

By order of Presbytery.

WILLIAM C. POLLOCK, *Pres. Clerk.*

N.B. Mr. M'Macken, Mr. Francis Dunn, and Mr. Russell, of Rocky Spring congregation, joined with E. Small in the appeal in Wm. Gailey's case.

WILLIAM C. POLLOCK, *Clerk.*

\* The reason why Presbytery issued Mr. Boyd's case by disapprobation, was, when Mr. Boyd appeared before presbytery to answer to a fama clamosa respecting his application to the Associate Reformed Church for admission, he acknowledged the truth of the charge, and at the same time frankly confessed he was to blame in so doing, but said his mind was affected owing to the synod's conduct towards him in not giving him appointments, like other members when loosed from their former charge, and his standing good in the church, that is, a member of synod. An inquiry was then made as to any other charge against Mr. Boyd, but there appeared to be none.

Mr. D. Blair, of the Presbytery of Allegheny, appeared and took his seat.

No. 9. A memorial from certain persons pretending to be members of the Associate Presbyteries of Albany and Vermont, praying the synod to review and reverse certain decisions in their case.

After some discussion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, namely,

Whereas no new light is cast on the cases of these memorialists, but a repetition made of their contumacy, with many slanders, reproaches and misrepresentations of courts and individuals by their memorial, therefore,

Resolved, That it be returned to the person presenting it.

The vote on the adoption of the above preamble and resolution stood as follows, namely,

*Ayes*—Dr. Ramsay, Messrs. Imbrie, Murray, Walker, French, J. Scroggs, Hanna, Anderson, D. McLean, jr., Martin, E. N. Scroggs, Miller, Ingles, McElwee, S. Hindman, Lindsay, D. Gordon, S. Wilson, Wallace, Kendall, Dickson, McKee, Patterson, Webster, J. P. Ramsay, Boyd, W. Bruce, McAuley, Small, McArthur, Brown, McNaughton, J. Hindman, T. Wilson, John L. McLean, ministers; and Messrs. E. Small, J. R. Dickson, J. Templeton, Auld, J. Wilson, Taggart, Hammond, Maxwell, McCall, King, R. Ramsay, Frew, Barnes, Martin, Atcheson, Sawhill, Shellatoe, Brownlee, George, Dobbin, S. Wilson, ruling elders.—56.

*Nays*—Messrs. Heron, D. Goodwillie, Douthet, Banks, Gilkerson, McGill, ministers; and Messrs. George C. Harper, Houston, Nelson, Murdock, Virtue, ruling elders.—11.

*Non liquet*—Messrs. McLean, sen., Donnan, Hall, Rodgers, D. Blair, Forrester, Thompson, Smart, Harsha, Cooper, S. McLean, ministers; and Messrs. McCormick, Joseph Harper, Thom, Crawford, ruling elders.—15.

Against the decision adopting the above preamble and resolution, Mr. Heron entered his protest for reasons to be assigned.

Mr. D. Blair claimed the privilege of assigning his reasons for not voting.

No. 10. A memorial from Mr. Samuel Walker, and

No. 11. A memorial from certain individuals in Cadiz, both on the subject of slavery.

Both these memorials were, on motion, referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

No. 12. A petition from certain individuals of Washington and Grand View Congregations, in the Territory of Iowa, praying the synod to send Mr. Vincent into their bounds, that an opportunity may be offered of presenting to him a call. The prayer of the petition was granted, and Mr. Vincent ordered to be sent into the bounds of the Presbytery of Illinois immediately.

Mr. Walker asked and obtained leave of absence from to-morrow evening until Tuesday morning.

The following presbyterial records were handed in and referred to examining committees, as follows:

Records of the Presbytery of Chartiers, referred to Messrs. McNaughton and Webster.

Records of the Presbytery of Allegheny, referred to Messrs. Forrester and McKee.

Records of the Presbytery of Shenango, referred to Messrs. S. Wilson and Hall.

Records of the Presbytery of Ohio, referred to Messrs. Rodgers and Boyd.

Records of the Presbytery of Indiana, referred to Messrs. J. P. Ramsay and M<sup>c</sup>Elwee.

Records of the Presbytery of Muskingum, referred to Messrs. J. Scroggs and Webster.

Records of the Presbytery of Illinois, referred to Messrs. Donnan and Murray.

Records of the Presbytery of Miami, referred to Messrs. D. M<sup>c</sup>Lean, jr., and D. Blair.

Records of the Presbytery of Richland, referred to Messrs. Thompson and Dickson.

Mr. Kendall was, on motion, added to the Committee of Supplies. Adjourned until the usual hour to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

Friday, May 28.

After the exercises of prayer and praise, the synod was opened with prayer by the moderator. The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

On motion, the usual order of receiving papers was suspended, in order to make way for receiving the reports of select committees.

A majority of the committee on the memorials in regard of the use of the seminary buildings for anti-slavery meetings reported. The minority of said committee also presented a report.

These reports were the subject of a free discussion, during which the moderator, Dr. Beveridge, left the chair, which was occupied by Mr. Hanna.

The following resolution was offered, viz.; Moved, That the theological students have the privilege of appearing by one of their numbers to enforce their petition, if they see proper.

An amendment was offered to this effect, that the students should be authorized to select a member of the court to appear on their behalf.

This amendment, being put to the vote, was negatived.

The original motion was then agreed to.

Commissioners from the Board of Trustees were heard; but before concluding, the synod adjourned until the usual hour.

Closed with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The synod met and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of the forenoon sitting were read and approved.

On motion, the synod resumed the consideration of the business left unfinished at the close of the forenoon sitting. The theological students were heard by their commissioner. And the members of synod proceeded to give their views on the reports before them.

Messrs. Crawford and Shellatoe obtained leave of absence for to-morrow. Before going through the roll the synod adjourned until the usual hour to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.



Saturday, May 29.

The synod met and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

Papers being called for, the following were given in, and, on motion, laid on the table, namely,

No. 13. The Report of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

*Report of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.*

Our situation is much as when last reported. The vacancies within our bounds remain unsettled. The congregations of Carlisle, &c. have given a call to Rev. D. Anderson, which has been sustained, presented and accepted. The supply apportioned to us has been received. The synodical fast has been observed by the settled congregations as far as known. Mr. Jas. G. Austin has been admitted to the study of theology, and was committed to the care of Messrs. Webster and Cooper. There are two cases of protest and appeal, which with accompanying documents will be laid before synod. We request liberal supply.

By order of Presbytery,

F. W. McNAUGHTON, *Clerk pro tem.*

No. 14. The Report of the Presbytery of Ohio.

*Report of the Presbytery of Ohio.*

During the last year nothing very special has taken place within our bounds; but since our report of the previous year, from some cause has never appeared in print, it may not be improper even now to state that then our hands were strengthened by the accession of Mr. John W. Harsha, who after passing through the usual examination and trial discourses, to the entire satisfaction of presbytery, was ordained and installed pastor of the united congregations of West Beaver and New Lisbon. Our vacancies, though now few, are still anxious for the dispensation of word and ordinances. The supplies allotted us have been generally and cordially received. The synod's fast, as far as ascertained, was observed. During last summer, Messrs. Bullions, and Clealand, residing in our bounds, delivered before Presbytery at two different times, discourses with much acceptance. Presbytery has taken into consideration, and acted on the propriety of establishing a fund for the assistance of worthy candidates for the ministry. How far they will be successful will depend much on the liberality of the congregations. The duty of public covenanting was attended to with great unanimity in the congregation of Four-mile, under the care of the Rev. E. N. Scroggs, in May, — inst. A call for Mr. D. H. A. McLean from Northfield, Stow, and Springfield, has been sustained by Presbytery, and will be laid before synod for presentation. Amidst the general decay of religion, we lament our own coldness, as well as that of others, in the cause of our Redeemer. We deplore the existing worldly and litigious spirit which consumes the vitals of godliness to such a degree, that men will renounce a profession of religion either wholly or in part, for the mere gratification of their selfish interest or whimsical notions, yet from the loving-kindness of God towards us we feel encouraged to seek Jerusalem's good above our chief joy, and to pray the Lord of the harvest to send faithful labourers into his vineyard, who will water and feed after his own heart, not only our own destitute flocks, but also enlighten all nations, until the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose, and the whole earth shall be filled with his glory.

JAMES P. RAMSAY, *Moderator.*

DAVID GOODWILLIE, *Clerk.*

No. 15. The Report of the Presbytery of Chartiers.

*Report of the Presbytery of Chartiers.*

To the Associate Synod of North America to meet at Washington on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1841.

The Presbytery of Chartiers report as follows:

About the beginning of July, Messrs. John M. French and John Bryan were licensed to preach the gospel. Mr. James A. Brown having accepted the call from Peter's Creek, was ordained to the pastoral charge of that congregation in September. Messrs. John S. Hamilton, James C. Herron, and Samuel S. Herron were on examination admitted to the study of theology under the care of synod. A call from the congregation of Noblestown for Mr. John M. French has been sustained; and it is desired that synod take orders to have it presented to him as soon as possible.

The supply granted to us at last meeting has been generally received. The Rev. David Anderson did not arrive in our bounds quite so soon as he was expected; but owing to the inclemency of the weather and other circumstances, he found it necessary to remain a few weeks after his synodical appointment with us had expired, and during that time he preached amongst our vacancies as before. Our need of

supply is much the same as heretofore, and we trust that the synod will remember us in that respect in making out the scale. A protest by John M. Smith against a decision of Presbytery and appeal to synod, was admitted. This and the papers connected with it will be laid before you. The synodical fast was observed by all our congregations.

JAMES BROWN, *Moderator*.

### No. 16. The Report of the Presbytery of Richland.

#### *Report of the Presbytery of Richland.*

Nothing of special importance has taken place within the bounds of this Presbytery since the last meeting of synod. Our congregations, settled and vacant, remain about the same as formerly reported. The supply allotted was chiefly all secured. Mr. Ferrier, who was appointed the whole year in our bounds, finding it impracticable for Presbytery to give him appointments for any considerable part of the time, sought, and found employment elsewhere. Some new applications for supply have been made to Presbytery, and we request such a portion as the general claims of the church will justify. The synodical fast was generally observed in our bounds.

Respectfully submitted by order of Presbytery.

JOSEPH M'KEE, *Presbytery Clerk*.

### No. 17. The Report of the Presbytery of Indiana, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the Funds.

#### *Report of the Presbytery of Indiana.*

*Carmel, May 15, A. D. 1841.*

To the Associate Synod to meet at Washington, Pa., on the 26th of May—

The Presbytery of Indiana beg leave to report that no changes of great importance have taken place within their bounds during the past year. On the 8th of October last Mr. Ingles tendered the resignation of that part of his charge called Pleasant Run, which being accepted, that promising congregation has been added to our list of vacancies. We embrace this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to synod for the supply allotted us last season. Your probationers, as far as practicable, we believe, fulfilled their appointments, and this part of the Lord's vineyard has been greatly refreshed by their labours. In consequence of the pecuniary embarrassment of the country, their labours have not been very well required. The whole deficiency, as far as we have ascertained, reckoning at the usual compensation, is one hundred and five dollars, sixty-two and a half cents, due to the several individuals as follows:—Mr. Bryant, thirty-six dollars eighty-seven and a half cents; Mr. Vincent, twelve dollars; and Mr. Imbrie, fifty-six dollars and seventy-five cents; and, in addition to the above, there are fifteen dollars due Mr. Loughhead for ministerial labours in some of our weaker vacancies, (a part of his time being unappropriated.) Presbytery having no funds at present to meet these demands, humbly pray you to supply this deficiency out of synod's fund. As our vacancies are numerous, and in some cases ready for settlement, we request as liberal a share of the supply at your disposal as is consistent with the rights of others.

(Signed by order of Presbytery,)

JAMES DICKSON, *Presbytery's Clerk*.

### No. 18. The Report of the Presbytery of Stamford, which was, on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Banks, McNaughton, and Rodgers.

#### *Report of the Presbytery of Stamford.*

After our various disappointments, we are happy to state that Mr. Law appeared among us, affording a very acceptable supply to our vacant congregations. A collection from Stamford congregation, amounting to eleven dollars, and seven dollars remaining in the hands of our treasurer, were paid to him as the balance due for his services. A collection from Dumfries congregation, amounting to sixteen dollars and thirty-seven and a half cents, is received and retained in the hands of our treasurer, in prospect of a future supply of preaching, and as we find it very difficult, in the present circumstances of the country, to transmit money to synod. We hope that synod will send us on as liberal a supply as can be afforded, as we have never yet been able to extend our missionary operations so far as our prospects and wishes, nor even to do justice to our vacancies. The day of fasting, agreeably to synod's appointment, was generally observed by our congregations.

We must surely be allowed to express our astonishment that synod, in an anomalous manner, without appearing to have weighed the facts contained in our papers of justification and defence, sent on last year, should find us worthy of being censured in a "friendly, admonitory letter," on account of the language, while the facts remain uncontroverted. We remonstrate against such procedure. Justice must first be done, before censure is inflicted. Therefore we have returned a letter addressed to us, subscribed "D. Gordon, Committee," purporting to be the ad-

monitory letter decreed by synod. We will countenance no such injustice and irregularity as are displayed in ordering such a letter; nor such irregularity as is displayed in sending such a letter subscribed "Committee," while it is evident from the minutes of synod, as well as an accompanying letter, that the writer never reported to synod. It can contain no more, then, than the belief and opinions of an individual, and, destitute of your authority, is unworthy of our regard.

Yet, while much appears to have been said concerning our papers, we have thought fit to read and reconsider them in a very solemn manner. The result has been, that, though we are willing to admit some verbal alterations might have properly been made, had opportunity been afforded, we can perceive nothing in the spirit or language generally to warrant the treatment received.

We have farther, under a threat from the Presbytery of Cambridge of carrying a matter against us to synod, to mention, lest our silence, even in such a trifling affair, should excite prejudice against us, or lead to injustice, as it may have formerly done, that we have received a letter from that presbytery, containing a complaint against Messrs. Russell and J. Strang, on account of some charges said to be brought by them against the Rev. Mr. Miller. While that presbytery seem to have neglected the chief and important subject in the correspondence of our brethren, and have seized upon and tortured an incidental expression, we have yet considered it proper to make the following reply:—Messrs. Russell and J. Strang deny having charged Mr. Miller with having countenanced T. McCleery in his slanderous audacity otherwise than as a member of synod and of synod's committee; that Mr. Russell declares that, in a private letter to the clerk of Cambridge Presbytery, he went so far as completely to exculpate every member of that presbytery from any way encouraging that individual prior to his appearance at synod; but whether he was correct in doing so, he does not now pretend to affirm or deny: farther, Messrs. Russell and J. Strang assert that they have a right to form an opinion of any act of synod, of synod's committees, or of any individual member of synod; and having formed and expressed an opinion, which no one has ever attempted to overthrow by any reference to Presbyterial rules of church discipline, they conceive that they have a right to state it, at any time or in any manner which they consider conducive to the interests of truth, without being accounted guilty of scandal for so doing. Presbytery have also to state that, having heard the correspondence between our brethren and Cambridge Presbytery, in which this opinion was incidentally expressed, that one of Cambridge Presbytery countenanced T. McCleery in his slanderous audacity; and when requested by Cambridge Presbytery to explain, they stated that Mr. Miller had done so as a member of synod, and of synod's committee;—such explanation having been given, we therefore judge that no charge can lie against them for having used no more than a justifiable freedom of speech.

DAVID STRANG, *Moderator.*

## No. 19. The Report of the Presbytery of Allegheny.

### *Report of the Presbytery of Allegheny.*

The Presbytery of Allegheny report that within the last year some changes of importance have taken place within our bounds. We have received an accession to our numbers by the settlement of Mr. Thomas Gilkerson, who has been ordained and installed in the pastoral charge of the united congregations of Conemaugh and Warren, in October last. At our meeting in April, Mr. John McAuley tendered his resignation of two branches of his ministerial charge, namely, Upper Piney and Jefferson, and at our late meeting we have thought proper to accept this resignation, and his labours are now to be confined to Cherry Run. The other two branches are, of course, on the list of our vacancies.

In connexion with this subject it seems proper to state that Mr. McAuley has decided not to accept the call for him reported by the Presbytery of Miami. We regret to have to state that the supply expected from Mr. D. Anderson has almost entirely failed, he having been but one day in our bounds, which failure is said to have been in consequence of ill health and the state of the weather; whilst the hopes we conceived from the appointment of Mr. Hamilton to our bounds during the past year have, in a great measure, been disappointed by his continued feeble state of health. When all this is considered, and that one branch of Mr. Hindman's charge has been for some time thrown vacant by his resignation of it, our condition claims a considerable share of the supply at the synod's disposal. Our members have generally observed the fast appointed by synod. We have also to report that we have heard, with satisfaction, one discourse from Mr. A. Murray, whom we recommended last fall as a student of divinity, after a previous satisfactory examination.

With regard to the general state of religion within our bounds, we have nothing very precise or definite to express. Whilst there is a commendable attention to ordinances and the external forms of religion, and a considerable increase of church members, there is certainly too much reason to mourn over the apparent want, to a

great extent, of the life and power of godliness; and, in particular, that our efforts to maintain our witnessing profession in the true spirit and meaning of it have to encounter an open and insidious resistance from the prevalence of that spirit which affects to treat with indifference and contempt the distinctions, in many instances at least, between right and wrong, truth and error.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HINDMAN, *Presbytery's Clerk.*

An excuse was offered on behalf of Mr. D. Anderson, for the non-fulfilment of certain of his synodical appointments referred to in the above report, and sustained.

Rev. Mr. Galbraith, of the Presbytery of Allegheny, appeared and took his seat.

No. 20. The Report of the Presbytery of Albany, which was, on motion, laid on the table.

*Report of the Presbytery of Albany.*

Since our last communication to synod nothing of special interest has taken place within our bounds. Our congregations, both settled and vacant, remain without any particular change. We have been disappointed with respect to a portion of the supply allotted us at last synod. The infirm state of Mr. Defreest's health has prevented him from fulfilling his appointment in our bounds; but we rejoice that he has been so circumstanced as to be able, during the same period, to supply one of the vacancies belonging to the Presbytery of Cambridge, so that his services have not been lost to the church.

Our vacancy in New York has received about ten months' supply during the year, but the other vacancies have received scarcely any. We thought it necessary to be thus liberal towards New York, knowing that without something like constant supply, that congregation, owing to its peculiar situation, must necessarily go down. We have felt much for the destitute condition of the people in Johnstown, but, without endangering the existence of the New York congregation, we had no supply to give them; and this is the more regretted by us as they have been particularly urgent for the enjoyment of public ordinances. The congregation in Albany have been vacant nearly half of the past year, in consequence of the ill health of their pastor; and this dispensation has also operated to the injury of the vacancies, as it diverted from them some supply which otherwise they would have enjoyed.

In view of this state of matters, we would earnestly beseech the synod to be as liberal as circumstances will permit in furnishing supplies for our destitute congregations for the year to come. We have surely much need for "praying the Lord of the harvest that he would thrust forth labourers into his vineyard; for the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

The congregation in New York has made out a unanimous call for Mr. J. M. French, which has been sustained by the Presbytery, and is herewith transmitted to the synod, with the request that it may be presented to the candidate as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted.

PETER CAMPBELL, *Moderator.*

No. 21. A Petition from Tuscaloosa for supply of gospel ordinances, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Supplies.

No. 22. Certain papers, purporting to be, 1. A protest from the Presbytery of Vermont against the synod's proceedings in their case. 2. Remonstrance of the members of the Presbytery of Vermont against the deeds of the synod and the commission in their case. 3. A memorial and petition from the congregation of Barnet, in relation to the same matter. 4. A complaint and petition from the congregation of Ryegate on the same subject. These papers were, on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. McElwee, Boyd, and S. Hindman, with instructions to report on Monday morning.

Reasons of dissent by Messrs. Miller, Heron, and McElwee, from the deed of synod last year, refusing to send delegates to the Convention of Reformed Churches, were read. Messrs. Banks, Donnan, Thompson, Brown, Harsha, and Smart claimed the privilege of



joining in the dissent. The reasons were, on motion, laid on the table for the present.

The appeals referred to in the Report of the Presbytery of Miami were laid in, and, on motion, referred to the Committee of Appeals.

No. 23 was read, namely: A memorial signed James Alexander, complaining of certain acts of the Presbytery of Richland.

The memorial was, on motion, referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. McArthur, E. N. Scroggs, and D. Goodwillie.

No. 24. The Report of the Rev. Thos. S. Kendall's mission to the South, which was, on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Miller, S. Wilson, and Webster, also, to the committees of supplies and on the funds.

*Report of T. S. Kendall's Mission to the South.*

*Washington, Pa. May 23, 1841.*

To the Associate Synod in session, the undersigned would respectfully report the fulfilment of his mission to the Presbytery of the Carolinas.

Your missionary set out immediately upon the adjournment of synod's last meeting, and shortly afterwards entered the bounds of that presbytery. The congregations of Old Providence, Timber Ridge, and Ebenezer, Va. seemed determined to resist the synod's act on slavery, refusing to hold congregational meetings for discussing the subject, and at the last named place closing their doors against your missionary's admission into their house of worship. A few families, however, to whom I preached, expressed their approbation of the synod's measures, and would gladly have you dispense to them the bread of life. The members composing your vacancy at Broad Creek, also acquiesce in your proceedings, and desire a portion of supply; though I have since understood that the only surviving member of their session has been removed by death. The congregation of New Lebanon, Monroe County, appeared willing to receive preaching, but refused to comply with your injunctions. Having heard of a few families in Montgomery County, who wished to hear the gospel, I visited them and preached. They live in and around Blacksburg; they are desirous of having supply, and would wish, if you do send any person, that he might be ordained.

Virgin Spring Congregation, N. C. has faithfully adhered to the Bible views of slavery. As there was only one member of session there, two others were regularly elected, ordained, and installed. Two applicants were after due examination admitted to our communion, and I think about thirteen children baptized. This place, though it has been hitherto much neglected, is certainly an inviting one for the propagation of secession principles, and I doubt not, were they properly attended to, that before long there would be here a large and flourishing congregation. A petition from them will accompany this report. I preached next at Sterling, and at Cambridge, one Sabbath each. A few families in the former, and nearly one-half of the latter acquiesced in the synod's proceedings on the subject of slavery, and the latter particularly requested supply if it could be procured. A party, however, in both places, strongly opposed synod's acts relating to the presbytery of the Carolinas.

At the request of some individuals I preached at Neely's Creek, S. C. The greater part of that congregation, together with Steel Creek, and Bethany, had determined to oppose your decision on the question of slavery. At Smyrna there are about eight or ten families who are perfectly satisfied with your principles, avowed opponents of slavery, and would gladly receive supply, could it be granted. There I preached, and baptized six or seven children, and in the afternoon was attacked by a mob, an account of whose proceedings you have all seen.

The next Sabbath I preached at Nob Creek, N. C. The majority, at least, of this congregation refused to submit to your decisions. At Duncan's Creek, Rutherford Co. I preached and dispensed the ordinance of baptism, and have since been authorized to petition you for supply on their behalf. The people of your vacancies at Little River, Sharon, and Pisgah, have principally joined other churches.

The period of my mission was twelve Sabbaths, no two of which were spent at the same place. Much opposition in various places was encountered, and although a great part of your church in that region has departed from those principles which recognize the rights of men, and are tamely sinking down and yielding obedience to the awful monster who is making merchandise of the bodies and souls of men, yet the testimony which you have lifted up against this infernal system has its few, though determined advocates. Those persons petitioning, should, so far as practicable, be supplied. They were much disappointed by Mr. Bryan's failure to fulfil his appointments; and if I have been correctly informed, in relation to the advice given him by the Presbytery of Chartiers, that body certainly merits your

disapprobation. Synod had ordered him to that region, but the Chartiers Presbytery, in the true spirit of nullifiers, advised him not to go. If you suffer this to pass unnoticed, your authority as a synod may be considered as at an end. One of the causes that have operated in desolating that once respectable and flourishing presbytery, is your refusal to grant that supply; and passing without censure those who have failed to fulfil their appointments in that region. Should you be pleased to send supply to those places where it is desired, it may be attended with the most happy consequences; its wilderness may yet become as Eden, and its desert as the garden of the Lord, otherwise it must be utterly laid waste; and before you come to the latter determination, you ought to remember that God has promised never to quit or forsake his own inheritance.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS S. KENDALL.

No. 25. A petition from the Associate Congregation of Virgin Spring, for a supply of gospel ordinances. This petition was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Supplies.

No. 26. A paper entitled "Grievance of certain members of Synod," signed D. Blair, D. McLean and Wm. Galbraith, complaining of the doctrine contained in a certain anonymous paper published in the Religious Monitor. This paper was disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution, "Resolved, that the memorial be returned, with direction to the memorialists, to lay in the complaint to the presbytery of which the writer of the article complained of is a member."

Messrs. Forrester, Maxwell, R. Ramsay, and Templeton, asked and obtained leave of absence for the afternoon.

Mr. Nelson obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the meeting.

Adjourned until the usual hour.

Closed with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The synod met and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the forenoon sitting were read and approved.

Papers being called for, the following were given in, and read, namely:

No. 27. A communication from Mr. D. Christy, agent of the Calvinistic Book Concern. Said communication was, on motion, referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Hall, Miller and Heron.

No. 28. The Report of D. Murphy, Assistant Treasurer, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Funds.

*Associate Synod, in account with Daniel Murphy, Assistant Treasurer.*

1840.—	DR.
July 13, To cash paid Wm. S. Young, for printing minutes of Synod,	\$ 50 00
Aug. 7, & Sept 10, To cash paid for expenses of Synod's Commissioners to Barnet, Ver.....	82 01
1841.—Jan. 14, To cash paid Wm. S. Young, for printing Book of Discipline,.....	125 63
	\$257 64
	CR.
By balance in Treasury as per Report of May, 1840.....	\$198 09 $\frac{3}{4}$
1841.—May 15, By cash from one year's dividend on Commercial Bank stock,.....	66 00
	\$264 09 $\frac{3}{4}$
	257 64
	Balance in Treasury, \$ 6 45 $\frac{3}{4}$

DANIEL MURPHY, Assistant Treasurer.

PHILADELPHIA, May 15, 1841.

No. 29. The Report of the Board of Managers of the Theological Seminary, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Seminary.

*Report of the Board of Managers of the Theological Seminary.*

The Board met at the Theological Seminary pursuant to appointment of synod, on the third Wednesday of March. The number of students in attendance during the past session was twenty-four, viz. Messrs. David Bullions, Wm. J. Clealand, James R. Doig, James W. Logue, John Todd and Thomas B. Walker of the fourth year. Ambrose Barcroft, Titus Basfield, Robert J. Hammond, and Benjamin F. Sawyer of the third year. John D. Cunningham, Jacob Fisher, John Marshall, Joseph M'Clintock, Alexander Murray, John Scott, and Thomas Simpson of the second year. John Alexander, Cyrus Cummins, James Forsyth, R. W. French, John S. Hamilton, James C. Herron, and Samuel Herron of the first year. All the students of the fourth, third, and second years delivered discourses, with the exception of Messrs. Walker and Simpson, who were prevented by indisposition. They were also examined on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Hebrew and Sacred Geography. In all these exercises they acquitted themselves in a manner highly gratifying to the Board. After a particular examination held with the students of the first class, the Board agreed to recommend them to synod to be taken on trials for license, with the exception of T. B. Walker, of whose qualifications they had not an opportunity to judge, for the reason above stated, and therefore agreed to refer his case simpliciter to the synod. Hereto is appended the Report of the Treasurer of the Education Fund, and the application which he made by order of the Board of certain funds in his hands.

P. S. The term of service of Messrs. Hanna and Rodgers expires at this meeting of synod.

JAMES RODGERS, *Secretary.*

The synod proceeded to the nomination of members of the Board of Managers in room of Messrs. Rodgers and Hanna, whose term of service has expired. The same members were put in nomination.

On motion, the rule was rescinded requiring the synod to meet alternately on the east and west of the mountains, and the following resolution was adopted, namely:

“Resolved, That the synod will hereafter meet in regular rotation in the three following places, namely: East of the mountains, in Alleghany or Washington Counties or vicinity,—and in the Western part of the state of Ohio.

The next meeting of synod was then appointed to be held at Xenia on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1842, at 4 o'clock; Sermon at two.

Mr. Hanna was appointed the moderator's alternate to preach the synodical sermon.

Mr. Thompson asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the meeting.—Mr. Blair was, substituted in his room as a member of the Committee of Appeals.

Mr. Frew asked and obtained leave of absence.

On motion, Messrs. Brown and Boyd were appointed a committee, to draft an act for a fast for next year.

On motion Resolved, that the presentation of the calls laid on the Synod's table to the candidates respectively be made the order of the day for Tuesday afternoon.

The following students were ordered to be taken on trial for license, as follows, namely:

Mr. D. Bullions, by the Presbytery of Ohio.

Wm. J. Clealand, Ohio. Jas. R. Doig, Muskingum.

Jas. W. Logue, Chartiers. John Todd, Chartiers.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

Closed with prayer.

Monday, May 31.

The synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Mr. D. McLean, senior minister present. Members present as above, together with Rev. Wm. Wilson, of the Presbytery of Chartiers, Rev. James Law, of the Presbytery of Richland, Hugh Allison in room of Neely Sawhill, Ephraim McHeman in room of M. R. Atcheson, James Reed in room of Samuel Murdoch, John Nisbet in room of James Thom, David Ramsay in room of James Shellatoe, and David Archer in room of Joseph Brownlee.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected.

Papers being called for, there were given in.

No. 30. A Report by the Professors, of books purchased for the Theological Seminary, which was laid on the table.

No. 31. A Memorial from the Session of Stone Valley, requesting information respecting the synod's decision of last year, on the sale and use of ardent spirits. Said memorial was, on motion, referred to the committee of Bills and Overtures.

The select committee on the report of the Presbytery of Shenango, in the case of Mr. A. Boyd presented a report, which, after some discussion, was, on motion, recommitted.

The select committee on the communication of Mr. D. Christy presented a report, which was, on motion, adopted, as follows, namely:

*Report of the Select Committee on D. Christy's Communication.*

The committee to whom was referred the communication of D. Christy, respectfully report:

That from said communication it appears that a joint stock company has been formed, to which the Calvinistic Library, heretofore published at Cadiz and Oxford, Ohio, has been transferred; the primary object of which arrangement is, to secure, by stereotyping, the permanent publication of the standard writings of the Reformers, and others of a similar stamp, so as to counteract the influence of the prevailing theology of our day upon the religious community. This object your committee cannot help viewing as one very intimately connected with the well-being of present and future generations, and therefore would respectfully submit the following resolutions, viz.

Resolved, That the avowed object of the "Calvinistic Book Concern," is one which has high claims on the encouragement of all evangelical men.

Resolved farther, That this synod cordially recommend the measure to the people under their inspection, as being in the view of this synod, a measure well calculated to aid the present and future interests of the church of Christ, and recommend to their people to take stock and subscribe for the works, according to their ability.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW HERON,  
GEORGE M. HALL,  
JAS. P. MILLER.

At the request of Dr. Ramsay he was released from the committee of supplies, and Mr. McElwee substituted in his room. Mr. Gordon was substituted in the room of Mr. Anderson, as a member of the same committee.

Mr. Heron obtained leave of absence for the afternoon, and Mr. Hanna was appointed clerk pro tem.

Adjourned until the usual hour. Closed with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The synod met, and was opened with prayer, members present as above. The minutes of last sitting were read and corrected.

Papers being called for, the following were given in and read, namely, a report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, on so much of the report of the Presbytery of Miami as relates to occasional hearing, which after some discussion was adopted as follows, namely:



"The committee of Bills and Overtures on so much of the report of the Presbytery of Miami as relates to occasional hearing, recommend for adoption by synod the following resolution:

"That for the present sessions be referred to the Book of Discipline enacted in 1817, and to an act of the Associate Presbytery of Pennsylvania, passed 1796, for direction on the subject of occasional hearing, and that a committee be now appointed to bring in an overture at next meeting of synod, to be embodied in the testimony, giving more fully, though briefly, the views of our church on this subject, with more specific directions to sessions respecting it.

A. ANDERSON,  
ALEX. DONNAN,  
C. WEBSTER.

Dr. Beveridge and Messrs. Anderson and Hanna, were appointed said committee.

The same committee on the same report of the Presbytery of Miami, recommended that as presbytery complain that Mr. Heron has violated the substance of synod's order in preaching in Xenia, and referred the case to synod, that synod hear Mr. Heron, and the complainants, and issue the case.

A. ANDERSON,  
ALEX. DONNAN,  
C. WEBSTER.

The above report was adopted.

The following paper was given in, read, and the request granted.

Thomas B. Walker requests permission of synod to prosecute the study of Theology another year, either at the Hall or under the care of some of our Presbyters, as owing to want of health, he has not been able to give that attention to study which he judges necessary to qualify him for entering upon trials for license.

The committee appointed last year on the subject of fasting presented their report, which was read, and on motion, ordered to be printed for consideration at next meeting.

*Address on Fast Days.*

The committee appointed by the Associate Synod to "address directions" to the people under their care, "for the right observance of days of fasting and humiliation," offer the following thoughts on that subject:

The Westminster Directory contains the views and profession of the Associate Church on the duty of fasting; yet we presume that when the synod appointed a committee to address the people on this matter, they intended that the general heads in the Directory should be more particularly illustrated. This view we shall endeavour to carry out in the form of observations. We accordingly observe:

1. Fasting is an ordinance of divine institution. It is, indeed, a duty dictated by the light of nature, a natural expression of humiliation, of a sense of sin, and desert of judgments. Under these impressions the heathens observed it on important and solemn occasions, as appears from the conduct of the Ninevites, Jonah iii. 5-9. For though Jonah proclaimed the judgments of the Lord against them, it does not appear that he directed them to the duty of fasting. Yet duties dictated by the light of nature are also embraced in divine institutions, such as prayer and praise, which are natural duties, and also instituted by Christ as Mediator. That fasting is a divine institution, appears from the example of the church, recorded both in the Old and New Testaments, from express injunctions to the duty and directions how to perform it. Joel ii. 15, 17. Isa. lviii. 6, 7.

2. A fast may be either private or public. It may and ought to be observed by individuals and by families, when personal, or family, or even public concerns require it. Thus Daniel fasted in view of the restoration of Israel from the Babylonish captivity, Dan. ix. 3. Nehemiah personally fasted, on account of the afflictions of the restored Jews, Neh. i. 4. Personal and family fasts are indicated as the fruits of the influences of the Spirit in the revival of the church, Zech. xii. 12, 14. In these cases as little publicity as possible should be given of the observance of the duty, Matt. vi. 18. "That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father who is in secret." A public fast is, when it is appointed by public authority, for

public reasons, and to be publicly observed; as when it is appointed by sessions for their respective congregations, or by the higher courts for the churches under their care, Joel ii. 15, 17. When a public fast is appointed in the church, all who are under that call should hold themselves bound to observe it as a call of God through the church, to that duty at that time, Ezra x. 6, 8. Though the temporal penalties for neglect of such duties, which were employed in the former dispensation, are not to be employed now, yet the moral obligation and the spiritual penalties are the same in both the former and present dispensations.

3. When a public fast is appointed, it is highly proper that reasons for the fast should be publicly given, either more generally specifying the occasion of the fast, such as in view of the ordination and instalment of a minister of the gospel, or of the observance of the Lord's supper, or more particularly specifying the sins for which we ought to mourn, and against which we are to testify, or the judgments threatened or suffered, in view of which the fast is appointed. This measure is useful for conviction of sin, for assisting the exercise of the people, and even necessary in order to their profitable communion in the duty, and to a united public testimony against sin.

4. Fasting is an occasional duty. Though Christ has instituted this ordinance, and requires its observance, when in his providence he calls for it, yet he has not appointed for the New Testament church any particular time for its stated observance, no doubt, because it is an ordinance for special occasions, which do not occur at regular periods, Matt. ix. 15. "Can the children of the bride-chamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast." This view of the duty furnishes an occasion of condemning an error into which some have fallen, and against which all should be carefully warned, the error of vowing a personal fast at stated periods, weekly, monthly, or annually. Such a vow is sinful, dangerous, and insinuating. It is not agreeable to the institution of the ordinance, which is occasional, and not stated; it is therefore without authority, and consequently it has no divine promise of acceptance or assistance, and it may, and most probably will, sometime interfere with other duties. Such instances of it as are on divine record, had no evidence of divine approbation. It was the unaccepted pharisee, that *fasted twice in the week*; Luke xviii. 12. It is God alone that can safely appoint the stated periods of devotion. The devotional spirit does not suffer a diminution of its privilege by these views, for without binding ourselves to fasting at stated periods, we may resolve to engage in the exercise as often as we find occasion, and God furnishes the opportunity in his providence.

5. Fasting being an occasional duty, it may be considered as a free-will offering of such time as we voluntarily devote to it; but having devoted it agreeably to the word of God, we are bound to pay our vow. Although free-will offerings are voluntary, we are under obligations to give them when circumstances specially call for them. In these free-will offerings, however, we must pay attention to our circumstances, so that our engagement in the duty may not interfere with other and paramount duties. One whole day ought, in general, to be devoted to this exercise. This was the general practice of the church recorded in Holy Scripture. The great day of atonement, the tenth day of the seventh month, was a fast, and the whole day observed, Lev. xvi. 29. Joshua and the elders of Israel fasted a whole day on occasion of the defeat of the army before Ai, Josh. vii. 6. Yet Esther's fast continued three days, and Daniel's three weeks, Esther iv. 16; Dan. x. 2, 3. From the variety of practice recorded in Holy Scripture, we see no reason why, under peculiar circumstances, a part of a day may not be devoted to this exercise acceptably, and observed. But whatever time is devoted, it should be carefully kept.

6. The occasions calling for a fast appear to be, 1st, Divine judgments either experienced, or threatened, as Joshua vii. 6, when the army was defeated before Ai; Jonah iii. 5, when the Ninevites were alarmed by threatened judgments. 2d. Great guilt contracted, which must procure judgments, as 1 Sam. vii. 3, 6, when the people had gone after false gods. 3d. When we are about to seek some special favour. So David fasted in hope that the child's life might be spared, 2 Sam. xii. 22; and Ezra fasted when he sought the special favour of God on his journey to Jerusalem, Ezra viii. 21. Yet under this latter view our fasting has immediate reference to our sin, as rendering us unworthy of divine favour, and if indulged, as preventing our access to God, and our success in our approaches to him. Psal. lxi. 18. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."

7. The spiritual exercise of a fast is, in a general view of it, humiliation for sin, and includes, 1st. Discovery of sins, rendering us guilty and unworthy before God, and justly procuring divine judgments. 2d. Conviction of in-dwelling sin and self-examination for the farther discovery of it and its operations. 3d. Meditation on the evil of sin, whether personally our own, or public sins for which we engage to humble ourselves. 4th. Confession of sin and contrition for it; all which is necessarily implied in scripture examples of fasting, as Dan. ix. Ezra ix. Nehem. ix. 5th. Turning from sin in heart and conduct, engaging in the contrary duty, and vowing accordingly to the Lord, whether by public covenanting, as Nehem. x. 29, 31, or

more informally and secretly, as Isa. lviii. 6, 7. 6th. And all this with appropriating faith in God's mercy in Christ. Dan. ix. 3, 4, 9, 16, 19. Without this appropriating faith, all our fasting, confession, and vowing, are legal, unacceptable, and unprofitable. No fasting or confession can make any atonement, and without saving faith and repentance, our fasting and confessions are but aggravations of our guilt, being formal and hypocritical, and consequently with indulged iniquity.

8. Since a fast day is devoted to the Lord, to his worship, and to the exercises of humiliation, confession, and vowing to him, it ought to be kept with such solemnity as the Sabbath. Though the time be not of divine appointment, the exercises are, and the time is, according to divine institution, devoted to the Lord, and is therefore holy. The fast on the great day of atonement was to be kept as the Sabbath, Lev. xvi. 29, 31, and 23, 27, 32. The solemn character of that day is in those passages attributed to its exercises. The practice, therefore, into which many have fallen, of employing in fasting and religious exercises, only that time which is employed in public worship, is contrary to scripture appointment and example,—to the vow devoting the day to the Lord, and to the nature of the exercises proposed in appointing the fast; it shows formality in our services, insincerity in our professions, and conformity to the world.

9. In addition to these internal and spiritual duties, we should also, in fasting, abstain from food, Ezra x. 6; Esther iv. 16. This abstinence properly belongs to the duty of fasting, yet it is not *necessary* to the duty in all circumstances, nor is it necessary that it be total. Daniel "ate no pleasant bread," &c. Dan. x. 3. The rule, "mercy and not sacrifice," must be observed in every case; yet a self-denial that does not interfere with our health, but only with our pleasures, does not belong to this rule. It is evident from the scripture name of the ordinance, from scripture examples and injunctions, that on a fast day no temporal enjoyment should be used merely for sensual pleasure, but only as far as necessity or mercy requires. But it may be objected that literal fasting cannot profit our souls. We reply, that neither can baptism or the Lord's Supper of themselves, but all these divine ordinances are profitable with the blessing. It may be further objected that external observances in fasting were condemned, Isa. lviii. 5, and Matth. vi. 16, 18. We reply, it was not the external means that were condemned, but the abuse of them, employing them as a substitute for spiritual duties, and for the gratification of vanity and pride.

10. Fasting is a useful exercise under the divine blessing, and ought to be observed with much care and solemnity. It is calculated to promote humility, sense of sin, of spiritual necessities, enlarged discoveries of the sinfulness of our hearts; it is a means of leading us to discoveries of sin in heart or practice, which may be a barrier to our communion with God, of leading us to further discoveries of Christ, and his preciousness in his person, righteousness and grace, and of leading us to renew our faith's exercises, and our vows to God. It is therefore considered a suitable exercise preparatory to the commemoration of the Lord's death. The church does not maintain that the formal exercise of fasting, and the observance of a day devoted to this object, before the commemoration of the Lord's death, is any part of that solemnity, or is of divine appointment as to the time or the circumstances, or that it is essential to the right observance of that ordinance; but she holds that the spiritual exercise belonging to a fast day is required under the command to "*examine ourselves*," and to "*purge out the old leaven*," and that the formal observance of a fast day is a divine ordinance, and that we ought to avail ourselves of it as peculiarly appropriate to the duties of such an occasion. And he that will neglect the observance of a fast on such an occasion, without a providential hindrance sufficient to excuse him, is guilty of neglecting an important means of preparation. And the laying aside of fast days before the dispensation of the supper, we may assure ourselves never sprang from sense of sin, deep humility, tenderness of heart, desire of communion with God, nor from enlarged experience of that communion, nor does it manifest special preparation for it in that ordinance.

The following resolution was offered, and after some discussion was adopted.

"Resolved, that this synod appoint three delegates to attend the next meeting of 'the Convention of the Reformed Churches,' proposing to bring about a greater degree of unity in profession among these churches."

A committee consisting of Dr. Ramsay, and Messrs. Wm. Wilson, D. McLean, Imbrie, and Donnan, was appointed to nominate delegates to attend said convention, and to report to-morrow morning.

Messrs. Hanna and Rodgers, were re-elected members of the board of managers for the Theological Hall.

The committee on the papers from Vermont reported as follows:

"The special committee to whom were referred certain papers purporting to come from the Associate Presbytery, and certain associate congregations of Vermont, report, that having read said papers, they find them to contain complaints and reasonings by the suspended brethren of the presbytery, and the congregations of Barnet and Ryegate adhering to them, against the proceedings of synod in regard to the Vermont Presbytery; a part of these reasonings and complaints have been heard and answered heretofore, and your committee are of opinion that the time of synod should not be taken up with the reading of them. A part of these papers refers to the proceedings of synod at Baltimore, and by their commission at Barnet. This part is contained in No. 22, entitled "Protest of the Presbytery of Vermont, against the deeds of synod of last year in their case." Your committee would recommend it to be read and disposed of in the usual order.

W. M. M'ELWEE,  
B. BOYD,  
S. HINDMAN.

The report was adopted. The paper No. 22 referred to in the above report was then read, after which the following resolution was adopted, namely: "Although synod does not recognise the protestors under the name of the Associate Presbytery of Vermont, and do consider the assumption as contemptuous; yet, acknowledging them as members of the church under suspension, Resolved, that the protest be admitted, and their reasons answered."

Messrs. Anderson and Martin were appointed said committee.

Adjourned until the usual hour to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday, June 1.

The synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of last sitting were read and corrected.

Papers being called for, there were given in.

No. 34, a communication from Mr. James Morehead relating to a version of the Book of Psalms. Said communication was, on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Dr. Ramsay, and Messrs. Thompson and Thomas Wilson.

No. 35. A memorial and petition from Mr. Alexander M'Elroy, relative to his case as before the Presbytery of Muskingum. This memorial, together with all the papers relating to the case, was, on motion, referred to the Session of Chartiers congregation, in the bounds of which Mr. M'Elroy resides.

No. 36. A memorial and petition on behalf of the vacancies in Lower Canada. The first of these papers was, on motion, referred to the committee of supplies;—and the second, to the committees of supplies and on the funds.

No. 37. A memorial from the Presbytery of Muskingum on the subject of foreign missions, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Missions.

The report of the Committee of Appeals in the case of Wm. Gailey was given in, and, on motion, laid on the table.

Papers connected with certain appeals from the Presbytery of Philadelphia were given in, and on motion, referred to the Committee of Appeals.

The committee appointed last evening to nominate delegates to

the Convention of Reformed Churches reported the following nomination, which was agreed to, namely: Messrs. Martin, Anderson, and Miller for the east;—and Messrs. Beveridge, Rodgers, and Hanna for the west;—and to be alternates to each other in the order of their names, according to the place where the convention may meet.

On motion, the farther reading of papers was suspended, to proceed with the consideration of the subject left unfinished on Friday evening, namely: the reports of the committee on the memorials relating to Anti-Slavery meetings in the Seminary,—Mr. Hanna in the chair.

After a free discussion, but before going through the roll, the synod adjourned until the usual hour.

Closed with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of the forenoon sitting were read and approved.

On motion, the reading of papers was dispensed with, in order to make way for the order of the day, namely: the presentation of calls to licentiates.

The calls for Mr. John M. French, from the second congregation of New York, Cambridge, and Noblestown, were presented. Mr. French requested time for consideration until to-morrow morning. The request was granted.

The calls for Mr. D. H. A. McLean, from Northfield, &c.,—from Mercer and Salem,—from Big Creek, &c.—and from New Wilmington, &c. were presented, and that from Mercer and Salem accepted.

The calls for Mr. John Bryan, from the congregations of Darby and Sugar Run, and from the congregations of Sharon, New Market and Jefferson, were presented; Mr. Bryan requested until to-morrow morning for consideration. The request was granted.

A call for Mr. Wm. Smith, from the congregations of Pisgah and Tirzah in the Presbytery of Illinois, was presented and accepted.

A call for Rev. Wm. Douthet, from the congregation of Mineral Ridge in the Presbytery of Shenango, was, on motion, returned to said Presbytery, with instructions to present said call as the Book of Discipline directs.

The synod proceeded with the consideration of the business left unfinished in the forenoon. After a free discussion, certain resolutions were offered as a substitute for the reports under consideration, which, being amended, were adopted as follows, namely:

1. Resolved, that synod do not recognise any right in the students to invite any person to lecture at the Theological Seminary, without consulting with, and obtaining the consent of the Professors.
2. That as by provision of the Charter, this Synod have a right to change the whole or part of the board of Trustees at any regular meeting, they hereby agree to elect one third of said Board annually,—commencing this year with electing four members in place of those whose names occur first in the charter, and who are still members of the Board, and so on in succession.
3. That the recommendation to the Trustees made by synod in



1839, to open the doors of Seminary to meetings of anti-slavery and colonization societies, be rescinded.

In pursuance of the second resolution, a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Heron, Reed and Walker, to ascertain the four Trustees first on the list, and make a nomination, with instructions to report to-morrow morning.

Dr. Beveridge resumed the Chair.

The following paper was presented, and read, namely:

"The subscriber craves copies of the papers from Vermont; and the report of the special committee appointed to report upon them, and extracts from the minutes of synod with reference to these papers, and the printed memorial laid before synod."

THOMAS GOODWILLIE.

The above request was granted.

The select committee on the question of correspondence with the Scottish Church presented a report, which was on motion, adopted.

*Report of the Committee on the proposed Scotch Correspondence.*

Your Committee, on the proposal to open a correspondence with the General Assembly of the church of Scotland, to sympathize with them in their present struggle for their rights and privileges, as an ecclesiastical body, do report as follows.

We are of opinion that, in the present stage of the above controversy, we have not enough of information to determine its moral or religious character. From the little we do know, we are induced to hope that a work is begun that may ultimately issue in the destruction of patronage, and the present ecclesiastical establishment of Scotland. In so far as the contest on the part of the General Assembly may seem to take this direction, it becomes us to hail it with joy and bid the actors God speed. But should they appear to be contending for nothing more or better than a certain modified species of patronage, without seeking the dissolution of the rotten fabric of Church and State in union, our thankfulness is not so imperiously demanded. They may only be opposed to the supreme court of the land, on some points of their civil and ecclesiastical law, respecting which, owing to our slight acquaintance with Scottish law, we cannot tell which of the parties is legally right. We take the liberty, therefore, of suggesting to synod the following resolutions:

1st, That entering at present on the proposed correspondence is premature and inexpedient.

2d, That synod watch the interesting movement, and so soon as it shall assume the unequivocal character of real reformation, that we express our gratitude for the event, and give encouragement to our brethren of the General Assembly, to go on in the noble work.

ALEXANDER DONNAN,  
ANDREW HERON,  
JAMES P. MILLER.

The special committee on the report of the Presbytery of Stamford reported, and the report was, on motion, laid on the table.

The select committee on Mr. Kendall's Missionary report, presented a report, and while a resolution to adopt said report was under consideration, the synod adjourned until the usual hour to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, June 2.

The synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

Papers being called for, the following was given in.

No. 38. The report of D. Houston, Treasurer, which was, on motion, referred to the committee on the funds.

*Daniel Houston, Treasurer, in account with Associate Synod.*

1840.

May 23, To balance in Treasury, as per report to synod,.....\$7030 51½  
June 10, To cash received for synod's fund, by the hand of T. Beveridge, 400 00

June 24,	To cash received from Poland congregation, contributed by W. M. Houston,.....	3 31 1/2
July 17,	To cash received from W. S. Young, by the hand of Rev. T. Beveridge, D. D., for synod's fund,.....	2 75
Aug. 3,	To cash received from Washington, Pa., congregation, contrib.	9 26
Sept. 19,	To cash received, interest on note,.....	24 00
Oct. 30,	To cash received, interest,.....	23 00
30,	To cash received from Piney Fork congregation, contribution,	6 10
Nov. 2,	To cash received from Thomas Buchanan, interest,.....	33 00
Dec. 10,	To cash received from B. Henderson, interest,.....	114 00
1841.		
April 1,	To cash interest from D. Houston, Treasurer, on Erie land...	180 00
15,	To amount of rent from Wm. Anderson, for seminary,.....	100 00
May 11,	To cash from James Moore, interest on Margaret Moore's legacy,	1 00
23,	To cash from Chartiers congregation, contribution,.....	24 00
25,	To cash from Hebron cong., contrib., per Rev. A. Anderson, ..	10 56
25,	To cash from do. do. missionary fund, per do.	13 11
25,	To cash from do. do. students' fund, per do.	9 75
27,	To cash from a friend of Associate Synod, Peter's Creek, Pa.,	10 00
do. do.	Massie's Creek congregation, contribution,.....	15 00
do. do.	North and South Buffalo congr., contrib.,.....	16 00
do. do.	Cadiz congregation, contribution,.....	14 00
do. do.	Mountville congregation, contribution,.....	10 00
do. do.	Slippery Rock congregation, contribution,.....	15 00
do. do.	Ligonier congregation, per Rev. J. Scroggs,....	20 00
do. do.	Sugar Creek congregation, contribution,.....	8 00
	Donation from Gibson Wade,.....	1 00
	Cash from Deer Creek congregation, contribution,.....	8 20
	do. do. Washington, Pa., congregation, contribution,...	8 75
	do. do. 2d congregation of Philadelphia, contribution,...	30 00
	do. do. Rev. John Hindman's congregation, contribution,	9 14
	Donation from James M. Todd, Kentucky,.....	6 00
	Cash from Bovina congregation, N. Y., students' fund,...	16 00
	do. do. Putnam congregation, N. Y., contribution,.....	13 00
	do. do. Salem congregation, N. Y., contribution,.....	18 00
	do. do. Baltimore congregation, contribution,.....	60 00
	do. do. Rev. Samuel Hindman's congregation, contrib.,	11 10
	do. do. Rev. James Patterson's congr., contribution,...	8 50
28,	do. do. Service congregation, contribution,.....	8 50
	do. do. Wooster and Dalton congregations, contrib,....	9 00
	do. do. Unity congregation, Ohio, contribution,.....	10 00
	do. do. Belmont congregation, contribution,.....	8 00
	do. do. M'Mahan's Creek congregation, contribution, ..	3 35
	do. do. Bloomfield congregation, contribution,.....	10 00
	do. do. West Union and Four Mile congr's, contrib,...	18 00
	do. do. Darlington congr., contrib., students' fund,....	17 00
	do. do. Truro congregation, contribution,.....	4 00
	do. do. William Stevenson, Cambridge congregation, N. Y., donation,.....	10 00
	do. do. Mrs. William Stevenson, do. do.	10 00
	do. do. Cambridge congregation, N. Y., contribution,...	11 00
	do. do. Shenango congr., contrib., students' fund,.....	12 00
29,	do. do. Albany congregation, N. Y., contribution,.....	44 00
	do. do. Florida congregation, N. Y., contribution,.....	10 00
	do. do. Cherokee congregation, contribution,.....	5 00
	do. do. Xenia congregation, contribution,.....	16 50
	do. do. Joseph Harbison, exec'r of Ann Lowry's legacy,	30 00
31,	do. do. Pigeon Creek congregation, contribution,.....	10 00
	do. do. Mount Pleasant congregation, contribution,....	10 00
June 1,	do. do. Killbuck congregation, contribution,.....	1 50
	do. do. Argyle congregation, N. Y., contribution,.....	17 16
	do. do. From a friend of synod,.....	5 00
	do. do. Interest on loaned money,.....	20 28
	do. do. Interest on Eleanor Henry's legacy,.....	70 00
	do. do. From a friend of Associate Synod,.....	2 00
	do. do. From a friend of Associate Synod, Mount Hope congregation,.....	5 00
	do. do. From Peters' Creek congregation, contribution,	10 00

\$8689 33

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1840.	By cash omitted, an omission in report of May, 1840, contingent expenses,.....	
June 8,	Cash paid Rev. T. S. Kendall, per order of synod,.....	\$10 00
24,	Cash paid for postage on letters,.....	50 00
July 15,	Cash paid for school tax,.....	75
Oct. 30,	Cash paid Rev. T. Beveridge, salary,.....	6 75
30,	Cash paid Rev. T. Beveridge, D. D., for books for seminary,.....	250 00
Nov. 17,	Cash paid Hetty Rutherford, for cleaning seminary,.....	15 75
23,	Cash paid Elias Praw, for cleaning stove-pipe,.....	2 00
24,	Cash paid for postage,.....	50
1841.		56½
Jan.	Cash paid Woolf for glass, &c., for seminary,.....	7 93½
Mar.	Cash paid Hetty Rutherford, per students' order,.....	75
26,	Cash paid John Andrews for coal for Seminary,.....	3 60
15,	Cash paid William Anderson for room rents for students,.....	55 75
May 10,	Cash paid Rev. T. Beveridge, D. D., for salary,.....	250 00
10,	Cash paid Rev. J. Ramsay, D. D., for salary,.....	300 30
10,	Cash paid Rev. T. Beveridge for books for Theological Hall,.....	23 06½
10,	Cash paid for postage,.....	18½
27,	Cash paid Rev. A. Heron, clerk of synod,.....	100 00
June 1,	Cash paid for contingent expenses of past year,.....	10 00

\$1087 60

Balance in Treasury, June 1st, 1841,.....\$7601 73

\$8689 33

The above report, submitted to synod, shows a balance in Treasury, this day, of.....\$7601 33

Respectfully,

DANIEL HOUSTON, *Treasurer.*

No. 39. A petition of James White and others, praying Synod to enforce their act on Slavery against such as advocated its lawfulness. This petition was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

No. 40. The Report of Joseph R. Dickson, Treasurer pro tem., which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the funds.

*Report of Treasurer of Mission's Fund, for the year ending May 28, 1841.*

1840.		
June 1,	Amount received as per last report,.....	\$10 60
	Interest for one year,.....	63
1841.		
May 27,	Received from Daniel Williamson, Putnam, N. Y.,.....	3 00
" "	Received from Female Missionary Society of Massie's Creek, Ohio, per Rev. J. P. Smart,.....	100 00
" "	Received from Rocky Spring congregation, per Rev. Edward Small,.....	1 77
" "	Received from Springfield congregation, per Rev. Edward Small,.....	3 79
" 28,	Received from John Barber, executor of estate of John Ashton, White Creek, per Rev. Edward Small,.....	50 00
" "	Received from Rev. Robert Forrester, Truro, Ohio,.....	4 32
" "	Received from Rev. James P. Miller, South Argyle, N. Y.,.....	20 32
" "	Received from Rev. S. Hindman, contribution from a friend, congregation of North Washington, Ohio,.....	1 47

In Treasurer's hands,.....\$195 90

*Report of Treasurer of Students' Fund, for the year ending May 28, 1841.*

May 27,	Received from Rev. Robert Forrester, Truro, Ohio,.....	\$4 00
" 28,	Received from John Barber, executor of estate of John Ashton, of White Creek, per Edward Small,.....	50 00

In Treasurer's hands,.....\$54 00

WASHINGTON, PA., June 1, 1841.

JOSEPH R. DICKSON, *Treasurer pro tem.*

A paper containing a preamble and certain resolutions on the subject of Foreign Missions was read, and, on motion, laid on the table.

The committee of nominations appointed last evening, reported that the first four names on the list of the Board of Trustees are Dr. Beveridge, Dr. Ramsay, Dr. Murdoch, and Mr. French. In the room of these, a majority of the committee nominated Rev. B. Boyd, John Reed, Esq., Hugh Allison, and Joseph M'Nary. The minority of the committee reported in favour of re-electing the present four. The Synod proceeded to elect by ballot, and on counting the votes, it appeared that Rev. B. Boyd, John Reed, Esq., Hugh Allison, and Joseph M'Nary were elected as members of the Board.

The calls for Mr. John M. French were again presented, and that from Noblestown accepted.

The calls for Mr. John Bryan were presented, and that from Sharon, Newmarket, and Jefferson accepted.

The Committee to which the papers from the Presbytery of Stamford were referred, reported a copy of a letter addressed to said Presbytery, by Rev. D. Gordon, appointed last year to that service. This letter was read, and on motion, laid on the table.

The Select Committee on the report of the Presbytery of Shenango reported, and the report was, on motion, adopted.

*Report of Select Committee on the Report of the Shenango Presbytery.*

The committee to which was referred that part of the report of the Presbytery of Shenango which respects the case of A. Boyd, report:

That Synod at their last meeting directed said Presbytery to deal with Mr. Boyd, 1st, For having made application to another branch of the church for admission. 2d, Because it is commonly reported that his general conduct is not consistent with good ministerial character. From the report of Presbytery it appears, they dealt with him for the first, which he admitted, and issued it with a mere expression of disapprobation: and in regard to the second item, Presbytery report that an inquiry was made as to any other charge against Mr. Boyd, and there appeared to be none. As Mr. Boyd, by his application for admission into another branch of the church, violated the law of God and his ordination vows, your committee cannot but regard Presbytery's action on the first item as wanting in faithfulness, and think, that farther and more appropriate action in regard to this item is still required by a suitable regard for truth and righteousness. Upon the second item, Presbytery seem to have misapprehended the intention or meaning of Synod, which, through delicacy, they did not spread out upon their minutes, but which, from the remarks in Synod at this time, cannot be misapprehended again, and still calls for action on the part of that Presbytery. In addition to these two items, it appears from remarks made before Synod at this meeting, that a *fama clamosa* exists, charging him with a renewed and recent application for admission into another branch of the church, and also with gross immoralities. Your committee recommend for the adoption of Synod the following resolutions, namely:

1st, That Synod disapprove of the manner in which the Presbytery of Shenango have issued the case of Mr. Boyd, as unfaithful and evincing too little regard for the credit of religion and the Christian ministry.

2d, That the Presbytery of Shenango be directed again to take up the case of A. Boyd, as instructed last year; and also to take appropriate action on the presently existing *fama clamosa* referred to above, and report their proceedings to next meeting of Synod.

3d, That the Presbytery of Shenango be directed to suspend Mr. Boyd, immediately, from the exercise of the ministry and communion of the church, until his case be finally issued.

SAMUEL WILSON.  
JAMES PATTERSON.

The Committee appointed last year on the subject of Mr. Heron's preaching in Xenia, was presented and read, and, on motion, laid on the table; and the consideration of the subject made the order of the day for this afternoon.

The Special Committee on the memorials, on the subject of slavery, presented a report, which was read, and, on motion, laid on the table for the present.

The report of the Committee of appeals in the case of Wm. Gailey was, on motion, made the order of the day for this afternoon, as soon as the subject formerly made the order of the day shall be disposed of.

The report of the Committee on the memorial of James Alexander was read, and adopted as follows, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of James Alexander, complaining of the Presbytery of Richland, respectfully report, that the case complained of does not come up in an orderly manner before Synod, as the memorialist should have protested according to the Book of Discipline, and given his reasons, that the Presbytery might have had an opportunity to respond. The testimony also, accompanying the paper, is not certified, and we are also informed by said Presbytery, that no impediment was placed in the way to prevent him from coming orderly before Synod. We would therefore recommend to Synod to return the memorial, directing the memorialist, if he be still dissatisfied, to proceed according to order, and that he be directed to obtain the advice and assistance of some minister of Synod, in order to the regular issuing of his case.

SAMUEL M'ARTHUR.

E. N. SCROGGS.

DAVID GOODWILLIE.

On the request of a member of the Committee of Appeals, an extra Committee of Appeals was appointed, consisting of Messrs. M'Elwee, J. Hindman, and D. M'Lean, jr.

Adjourned until the usual hour.

Closed with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of the forenoon sitting were read and corrected.

Papers connected with an appeal by Mr. John M. Smith, from a decision of the Presbytery of Chartiers, in his case, were given in, and, on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Hanna, Wallace, and Kendall.

A request was made, that synod order one hundred copies of the Bible, one hundred copies of our testimony, and a few copies of the Book of Discipline, to be directed to the care of Dr. James Robertson, Burlington, Iowa, subject to the order of Messrs. William Smith and George Vincent; and to be sold or distributed gratuitously at discretion. The request was granted.

Mr. George obtained leave of absence from the remaining sittings of synod.

The Committee of Appeals reported on the case of John M'Cleery, and the report was, on motion, laid on the table.

A petition was presented by Thomas M'Cleery for extracts of the papers sent to synod by the Presbytery of Stamford, last year.

Said petition was, on motion, laid on the table.

On motion, the farther reading of papers was suspended, to make way for the order of the day, namely, the consideration of the Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, on so much of the Report of the Presbytery of Miami as regards Mr. Heron's preaching in Xenia.



After the members of the Presbytery of Miami and Mr. Heron were heard and removed, the members of synod proceeded to express their views. After some discussion, the following resolutions were adopted, issuing the case, namely,

*Resolved*, That synod do not sustain the complaint in its terms.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Heron is faulty in his conduct in preaching in the bounds of Mr. Wilson's congregation, without his consent, and that he be required to desist.

Extracts from the minutes of synod were requested by the Presbytery of Shenango, in relation to the case of Mr. A. Boyd, and the request was granted.

Messrs. M'Kee, T. Wilson, M'Cormick, and Taggart asked and obtained leave of absence.

Proceeded to the subject next made the order of the day, namely, the consideration of the Report of the Committee of Appeals on the case of Mr. J. Gailey. The papers in the case were read, and the parties heard and removed. The members of synod then proceeded to express their views, and the following resolution, reported by the committee, was proposed for adoption, namely,

*Resolved*, That the appeal of E. Small and others be sustained.

This was an appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of Shenango, on a case which had originated in the session of Rocky Spring, and was as follows. "A certain William J. Gailey, a constable, had, in execution of a warrant put into his hands, proceeded to seize and deliver up two men, who were claimed as runaway slaves, to their former masters. For this action the session judged him worthy of a public rebuke. From this sentence he had appealed to the presbytery, who, in the issuing of the appeal, had changed the censure of rebuke into a mere expression of disapprobation." From this decision the appeal was taken to the synod by Mr. Small and others, which appeal the resolution now offered proposes to sustain. Before coming to a vote, the synod adjourned until the usual hour to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

Thursday, June 3.

The synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

Papers being called for, there was given in and read a letter relative to certain claims of Mrs. Carson, of Canonsburgh, which was, on motion, referred to the Board of Trustees of the Seminary.

Reasons of dissent by Rev. S. Hindman from the deed of synod last year, assigning certain ministers to particular presbyteries in certain cases, were read. To these reasons of dissent Messrs. Lindsay and Forrester declared their adherence. Messrs. Webster and Anderson were appointed a committee to answer said reasons.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported on the memorial on the sale and use of ardent spirits, and the report was, on motion, laid on the table.

Mr. D. M'Lean, jr., asked and obtained leave of absence, and Mr. Kendall was substituted in his room as a member of the Committee on Appeals.

The Committee on Missions gave in a report on the subject of Foreign Missions, which was, on motion, laid on the table.

On motion, the farther reading of papers was dispensed with, in order to proceed with the business left unfinished last evening.

After some discussion the previous question was called for, and the call was sustained. From this decision Mr. Heron entered his dissent, and was joined by Messrs. J. Scroggs, S. Hindman, M'Auley, Smart, Cooper, Brown, G. C. Harper, Lindsay, and Douthet.

The question was then put, "Sustain the appeal or not?" and carried "sustain," by the following vote, namely,

*Ayes*—Messrs. Donnan, Imbrie, Murray, Walker, J. Scroggs, Hanna, S. M'Lean, Martin, E. N. Scroggs, Miller, S. Hindman, Lindsay, Gordon, S. Wilson, Wallace, Kendall, Dickson, Patterson, Webster, Douthet, J. P. Ramsay, Banks, Rodgers, Boyd, Bruce, M'Auley, Forrester, Thompson, M'Arthur, Brown, Gilkerson, J. Hindman, Cooper, J. L. M'Lean, ministers; and Messrs. Small, Templeton, Auld, J. Wilson, Hammond, Maxwell, M'Call, King, R. Ramsay, J. Harper, J. Martin, M'Heman, Allison, Reed, Nisbet, Archer, and S. Wilson, ruling elders.—51.

*Nays*—Dr. Ramsay, Messrs. Heron, Anderson, D. M'Lean, jr., M'Elwee, Hall, M'Naughton, ministers; and Messrs. Dickson, G. C. Harper, D. Ramsay, Virtue, ruling elders.—11.

*Non liquet*—Messrs. Smart and Dobbin.—2.

Those who voted in the negative dissented from the decision for reasons to be assigned. Messrs. Martin and Rodgers were appointed a committee to answer their reasons.

The Committee on the Funds reported, and the report was adopted.

*Report of the Committee on the Funds.*

It appears from the several Reports from the different Treasurers, that the following amount is now in the treasury, namely,

At Canonsburg, with D. Houston, Treasurer, including the missionary students' and synod's fund,.....	\$7601 73
In D. Murphy's hand, at Philadelphia,.....	6 45 $\frac{3}{4}$
In Mr. J. R. Dickson's hand, Treasurer pro tem. in the place of Mr. Young,	
Missionary Fund,.....	\$193 37
Students' do.....	54 00
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	247 37
Whole amount,	\$7855 55 $\frac{3}{4}$

The Auditing Committee of the Board of Trustees have certified to the correctness of the disbursements set forth in Mr. Houston's report, and the vouchers exhibited by Mr. Murphy, for the payments made by him, are fully satisfactory.

It appears, also, by the certificate of the Auditing Committee of the Board of Trustees, that "the amount of the funds in hands of the treasurer, previously to the present meeting of synod, has been at interest." This has been one source of income to the synod.

By comparing the balance at present in the treasury, with what it was last year, when Treasurer Houston's report was made, there is a decline in the state of the treasury of two hundred and eighty three dollars, and twenty-one cents.

It appears, also, that the whole receipts by the different treasurers, from the close of the last meeting of synod to this time, is fourteen hundred and ninety-five dollars and thirty-one cents, and that the whole expenditures during the same period have been thirteen hundred and forty-five dollars and twenty-four cents, so that the receipts have, for the past year, exceeded the expenditures, one hundred and fifty dollars, and seven cents.

The committee would recommend that the treasurer, with direction and assistance of the board of trustees, after retaining in the treasury a sufficiency to meet the current and contingent expenses of the present year, would invest in a safe manner the remainder, in order to raise, if practicable, a permanent annual income, to pay, at least, the professors' salaries.

From the other reports and papers referred to us, your committee would report:

1. A claim for missionary services in Lower Canada, by Mr. Isaac Law, for twenty-five dollars, and by Rev. David R. De Freest, twenty dollars and ten cents, which they recommend to be allowed.

2. The presbytery of Illinois petition the synod to pay a balance due from that presbytery to Mr. Vincent, for services in their bounds, of twenty-four dollars. As this was, at least in part, for services in Iowa, and what has heretofore been considered missionary ground, your committee recommend that it be allowed.

3. From a statement furnished by Mr. Smith, it appears that there is a deficiency of his receipts, for services in the same bounds, of twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents; your committee would also recommend that this sum be allowed.

The committee would farther report, that the Presbytery of Indiana petition the synod to allow the sum of one hundred and five dollars and sixty-two and a-half cents, in order to enable them to pay the deficiencies of the receipts of their supplies, to be allowed as follows, namely, to Mr. Bryan, thirty-six dollars, eighty-seven and a-half cents; to Mr. Vincent, twelve dollars; to Mr. Imbrie, fifty-six dollars, seventy-five cents. The grounds upon which the presbytery found this petition, is, the pecuniary embarrassments of that section of the country. For the relief of the individuals to whom these sums are due, the committee would recommend, that on this occasion, the allowance asked be granted, with a direction that the Presbytery of Indiana endeavour hereafter to pay for all the supplies they ask from synod. The other sum of fifteen dollars, asked to make up deficiencies to Mr. Laughead, your committee recommend, be not allowed.

There appears, also, a deficit of nine dollars and forty-four cents due to Mr. Smith, for services on his return from his western mission, which, it is recommended, be allowed from the funds of synod.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. MILLER,  
JOSEPH R. DICKSON, } Committee.

The Report of the Committee of Supplies was read, and, on motion, recommitted.

The Special Committee on the Appeal from the Presbytery of Chartiers reported, and the report was accepted.

*Report of the Select Committee on the Appeal from the Presbytery of Chartiers.*

Your committee, to whom was referred the protest and appeal of John M. Smith, respectfully report:

That the question involved in this case is the admissibility of certain charges, or complaints, brought by Smith against Matthew M'Nary, and presented to the session of Chartiers. The session judged the charges inadmissible, as they were chiefly of a civil nature, and such as could not well be acted on by a church court. Your committee concur with the decision of session, but as the papers are short, we recommend that they be read, and that synod then pass judgment.

In accordance with the above report, the papers connected with the appeal were read.

Before issuing the case, the Presbytery of Ohio requested the aid of three ministers of Synod, to assist them in issuing a certain case. The request was granted, and Messrs. M'Elwee, Rodgers, and Small were appointed.

Adjourned till the usual hour.

Closed with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of the previous sitting were read and approved.

On motion, the reading of papers was dispensed with, in order to proceed with the business left unfinished at the close of the forenoon sitting. The parties were heard and removed, and the question being put, "Sustain the appeal or not?" it was carried, "not sustain."

A request was made that Mr. Douthet, now of the Presbytery of Ohio, be transferred to the Presbytery of Shenango. The request was granted.

The Report of the Committee of Appeals, on the appeal of Mr. Webster from the decision of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, in the case of James Gillespie was taken into consideration. The documents in the case were read, and the parties heard and removed. After a free discussion, the question was put, "Sustain the appeal or not?" and carried, "not sustain."

A paper was presented by Dr. Ramsay, tendering the resignation of his professorship, on account of his age and infirmities, to take effect after the next session of the seminary, or immediately, if the Synod find themselves in readiness to supply his place.

This paper was, on motion, laid on the table till next year.

Rev. Messrs. Dickson and M<sup>r</sup>Arthur obtained leave of absence during the remaining sittings of Synod; and Messrs. Allison, James Harper, and E. Small for this evening.

Adjourned till eight o'clock this evening.

Closed with prayer.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of last sitting were read and corrected.

Papers being called for, there was given in and read,

The report of the extra committee of appeals, on the appeal of Mr. Webster and others, from a decision of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, in case of R. Skelton. This report was, on motion, laid on the table for the present.

The Committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Miami, Chartiers, Richland, Illinois, Allegheny and Muskingum, reported that they had examined said records, and had found them correctly kept. The above reports were accepted.

The report of the committee on Mr. Webster's appeal in the case of R. Skelton was, on motion, called up. The necessary documents in the case were read, and the parties heard and removed; after a brief discussion, the report was adopted unanimously.

*Report of the Extra Committee of Appeals.*

On the appeal of Rev. C. Webster and others, from a decision of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, in the case of Robert Skelton.

From the papers submitted, it appears that Mr. Skelton had been charged by the session of the First Associate congregation of Philadelphia, with certain offences, and cited to trial. In answer to the session's citation, Mr. Skelton, in a written communication, declined the authority of the session to sit on his case, as they were his accusers, and if the trial went on, would be witnesses in the case as well as judges. The session cited him again. He appeared on the day appointed, and expressed his willingness to be tried by the session, out of respect to that court, asserting, at the same time, his right to decline their authority, as formerly he had done. For maintaining that such was his right, the session judged him contumacious, and suspended him from the communion of the church, and the exercise of his office as elder. Against this decision Mr. Skelton appealed to presbytery. Presbytery sustained his appeal, with which Mr. Webster and session being aggrieved, appeal to this synod.

While your committee do not consider that Mr. Skelton had sufficient grounds to decline the authority of session to investigate his case, they are of opinion that he was not guilty of contumacy in thinking and saying that he had, and therefore recommend that the appeal in this case be not sustained.

WILLIAM M'ELWEE,  
JOHN HINDMAN.

The select committee on so much of the report of the Presbytery of Cambridge as relates to the suspended ministers of the Presbytery of Vermont, and the deposed ministers of the Presbytery of Cam-

bridge, presented a report which was, on motion, laid on the table till next year.

The Draught of an Act for a fast, laid on the table, was, on motion, taken up and read, and after some amendments adopted. Mr. Walker dissented from the decision adopting the draught.

*Draught of an Act for Fasting.*

The undersigned, from the committee appointed to draught an act for a fast, reports the following:

The exercise of fasting, humiliation and prayer, is again enjoined upon all, under the supervision of the associate synod. It appears to be as seasonable now, as at any former period. The displeasure of God, which is a proper ground of it, has been, of late, somewhat manifested towards us, particularly in the removal by death, of the chief magistrate of the union. And sin, which excites this displeasure, and which is, therefore, also a proper ground of it, continues to prevail. This, then, should especially engage our consideration. It manifests itself in a great variety of ways. Not to mention, with particular delineation, the atheism and infidelity, the profanation of the name of God, and desecration of the holy Sabbath, the falsehood and detraction, the intemperance and incontinence, the thefts and robberies, the suicides, murders, and other crimes of a similar character, which are common, gross and palpable—There is, first, much forgetfulness of the providence of God. No truth is more clearly taught in the scriptures, than that every thing, great or small, which does or will take place in the world, with reference to communities or individuals, is effected only by the operation or concurrence of God. Men generally, however, do not appear to be influenced by retaining a sense of such a consideration. They are apt to attribute all to an absurdity, which is denominated "chance," or to the efficiency of second causes. Therefore it comes to pass, that both in principle and practice, they exhibit so little gratitude to God for his mercies, so little dependence upon God for his assistance, and so little humility before God for his corrections and judgments. And in respect to the last, the language which God addressed to his ancient people may be too applicable to many among us. "Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more." We cannot, however, but notice here with pleasure, the call that has lately been made upon the people of the United States, for fasting, humiliation and prayer, as indicative that a sense of the divine government, and our consequent obligation, has not entirely departed from us. There is, secondly, much love to the world. This, although sought to be covered with specious names and fair pretences, seems, nevertheless, very much to pervade all classes. It is explicitly forbidden by the word of God. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." It excludes the existence of Christian grace. "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Now this passion is neither easily satisfied, nor readily subdued. It therefore absorbs all the thoughts in, and directs all the energies of the mind to the gratification of its desires. Nor does it stop, oftentimes, in the employment of any means, however criminal, that seem calculated to effect its object. Hence arises that dishonesty which defrauds and takes advantage of men in business transactions; that hardness of heart which refuses assistance to the wants of the needy; that penuriousness of mind which denies support to the ordinances of the Lord, and that odious tyranny which enslaves and makes merchandise of men for silver. The love of the world being such a sin, and productive of such consequences, we cannot wonder, although we ought to fear, when we hear it said by God, "For the iniquity of his covetousness I was wroth with him and smote him." There is, thirdly, much ignorance of divine truth. The means of instruction are open to all, but are improved by few. There is little diligent reading of the scriptures, or prayerful attendance upon the preaching of the gospel. Many indeed are covered with gross darkness, and need to be taught what are "the first" principles of the oracles of God. Thus they "are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Destitute of the proper armour, they are defenceless, and so become an easy prey to seducers. Being unable to distinguish between truth and falsehood, they receive for the doctrines of God, the commandments of men. Whatsoever pleases the senses, or comports with carnal reason, or excites the affections, is embraced with avidity. Therefore heresy, delusion, and fanaticism so much abound. But even among those whose knowledge is considerable, there is still, in many respects, much ignorance of the word of God remaining. Hence are found divine truths so much mingled with errors, and the ordinances of God so much corrupted by human inventions. And to this ignorance, less or more, is to be referred the spread which the superstitious and idolatrous principles and practice of the "man of sin" and "son of perdition" are making among some, and the favour with which they are regarded by others. There is, fourthly, much aversion to witness for God. The church is a constituted witness. "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God." They are required to maintain a testimony, both in profession and practice, for all that is agreeable and against



all that is contrary to the word of God. This is a very difficult work. It cannot expect any sympathy from the world. The world, indeed, directs the most violent assaults against it. But will it be better if we turn to the church? Alas! men love latitude in religion as well as in other matters. They would have it bow to their reason or will, pleasure or convenience. The greatest portion of the visible church will not attempt to witness for God. They would rather do the reverse by not condemning the errors which oftentimes prevail, and by holding the most intimate communion with such as avow and advocate them. And even among those who do profess to engage in it, there is much aversion manifested. Thus, the little care to impress the young with, and to remind the old of the nature, necessity, and importance of this duty. Thus, the going directly contrary in practice to, and the open impeachment of, many and long acknowledged principles of the church. And thus the schismatical course of some and total apostacy of others, which under whatsoever pretext avowed, arises, doubtless, from aversion to witness for God. There is, fifthly, much abuse of the elective franchise. God in his great goodness has bestowed upon us many civil privileges, among these he has intrusted us with the choice of our rulers. But he requires us to give our suffrage for those who have proper qualifications. This is in order that the glory of God may be promoted and the good of the community advanced. Much depends upon the faithfulness with which men execute this trust. It becomes, therefore, not only their duty, but also their interest to favour those "who fear God and hate covetousness." But men act in this matter with equal folly and wickedness. They profess to prize liberty very highly, yet they are doing that which has a tendency to sap its very foundation. Instead of making the word of God the rule by which they judge of the qualifications of men for office, they very often pay no regard to it. No. They are offended when reminded of the necessity. They are guided by sectional prejudice, or party spirit. And so it not unfrequently happens, that vile and wicked men are exalted to honour. Can it reasonably be expected that such will seek to promote the glory of God and advance the good of the community? No. Whatever suits their own selfish purposes, or gratifies their own vile passions, will be followed regardless of God or man. Hence, oftentimes the most wholesome precepts of morality and religion are trampled under foot, and the most important trusts neglected or abused. Profanity, licentiousness, misrepresentation, trickery, strife, violence, embezzlement, and speculation, not unfrequently, mark the conduct of many public functionaries; and as the example of such men has a very powerful and extensive influence, we may expect to see the truth of that saying verified: "On each side walk the wicked, when vile men are high in place." There is, sixthly, much neglect of personal religion. The means of fellowship with God are too little valued and improved. The careless attendance which is given to the ordinances of the sanctuary, the trifling excuses which deter from the worship of God in the family, and the unfrequent retirement for meditation, prayer, and self-examination, testify against us, and argue much deadness in devotion.

For these sins and others of which we are guilty, we ought to be afflicted and abased. We ought to pray that God would avert deserved judgments from us, and that he would pardon our sin through the merits of Christ—that he would bless our country, rulers, and ruled; our church, ministers, and people. And that he would hasten that period, when "the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the whole earth."

The second Thursday of January was appointed as the day of fasting. Mr. McArthur, dissented from this appointment. Messrs. Anderson and S. Hindman, joined the dissent.

A preamble and resolution were offered by Mr. J. Scroggs, and, on motion, laid on the table.

Adjourned till the usual hour to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

Friday, June 4.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of last sitting were read and corrected.

Papers being called for, the following question was offered for consideration, namely:

*Question respecting Slavery, by Rev. Thomas S. Kendall.*

WASHINGTON, PA., June 4, 1841.

The opinion of synod is requested on the following question, namely: Is it right for the surviving relatives of a deceased person to receive the present produce of slaves' labour, secured to them by the will of the deceased?

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS S. KENDALL.

This question, after a brief discussion, was answered in the negative. Dr. Ramsay, Messrs. Anderson, Hall and Heron craved the privilege of assigning their reasons for not voting.

On motion, the reading of papers was suspended to make way for the consideration of the scale of appointments.

Mr. Miller asked and obtained leave of absence.

The scale of appointments, as amended, was read, and adopted as follows, namely:

*Scale of Appointments.*

William Hamilton, Allegheny, June, July, August, September; Canadas, October, November, December, January; Shenango, February, March, April, May.

D. Imbrie, Ohio, June; Allegheny, July, August; Philadelphia, September, October; Albany, November, December; Cambridge, January, February, March; Stamford, April, May.

A. Reid, Chartiers, June; Muskingum, July; Philadelphia, August; Albany, September; Cambridge, October, November; Albany, December, January; Allegheny, February; Ohio, March; Miami, April, May.

D. R. De Freest, Cambridge, till next meeting of synod.

S. McLean, Muskingum, June; Chartiers, July; Allegheny, August, September; Ohio, October; Richland, November; Miami, December; Indiana, January, February; Miami, March; Muskingum, April, May.

Isaac Law, Albany, June, July, August, September, October; Cambridge, November, December, January, February; Albany, March, April, May.

David Bullions, Ohio, July; Miami and Indiana, August; Illinois, September, October, November; Indiana and Tennessee, December; Tennessee, January, February, March; discretionary, April, May.

William J. D. Clealand, Shenango, July; Stamford, August, September; Lower Canada, October, November; Albany, December, January, February, March; Philadelphia, April, May.

James R. Doig, Muskingum, July; Chartiers, August; Cambridge, September; Shenango, October; Miami, November, December; Indiana, January; Illinois, February, March, April, May.

James W. Logue, Albany, July, August; Philadelphia, September; Tennessee, October, November, December, January; Indiana, February; Miami, March; Muskingum, April; Richland, May.

John Todd, Richland, July; Muskingum, August; Miami, September; Tennessee, October, November, December, January; Miami, February; Muskingum, March; Richland, April; Ohio, May.

Mr. Ferrier, Illinois, till next meeting.

A communication from Dr. Stevenson, a member of the Board of Trustees, was read, requesting information respecting the authority of the Board, in relation to the use of the seminary buildings for Anti-Slavery meetings. The Synod agreed to declare that the meaning of the third resolution of Synod in relation to the use of the seminary buildings is, that the Trustees have no authority during the recess, to open the doors of the seminary without an act of the Synod to that effect.

A paper signed Thomas McCleery was read, requesting that the Synod would call up again the complaint against the Presbytery of Stamford, which was before Synod two years ago, assigning reasons for the request.

Said paper was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Rodgers, Banks and Patterson.

The Committee of appeals reported on the appeal of Rev. S. Wilson, from a decision of the Presbytery of Miami. This report was on motion laid on the table.

The report of the Committee of Appeals, on the Appeal of John McCleery from a decision of the Presbytery of Cambridge, in his case was, on motion, taken up, and read. The report was adopted as follows, namely:

*Report on the Appeal in the case of John M'Cleery.*

Your committee find, on examining the papers relating to the above case, that John M'Cleery had been prosecuted by the session of Putnam, before the Presbytery of Cambridge, according to the order of synod, on a charge of fraud, of which there were four specifications, but one of which, however, namely, the fourth, they, the presbytery, found proved. This was as follows: "That John M'Cleery, about to leave Putnam, clandestinely sold to Walter Chipman a note against Hiram Kimpton, and received from said Chipman its full amount, while he, John M'Cleery, had received from Hiram Kimpton the payment of the same note in full." The above charge was found proved on the testimony of Walter Chipman, taken before the session of Putnam, and transmitted to the Presbytery. From this decision an appeal was taken by Thomas M'Cleery, on behalf of John M'Cleery, in support of which he alleges several reasons, all of which, however, appear to your committee to be satisfactorily answered by the presbytery, except one, which we think, however, materially affects the merits of the case. The appellant alleges that the testimony of Chipman was inconclusive, because, although he swears that he found, on presenting the note to Kimpton, that it had been paid to J. M'Cleery himself, he does not say on what evidence he found it so. Although, therefore, we can easily believe, on Chipman's oath, that he was defrauded of the amount of the note, as this was a matter of which he might be conscious, there is still room left for the supposition that he might have been imposed upon, and so defrauded by Kimpton himself, and not by J. M'Cleery. It seems, therefore, to your committee, that the presbytery were not safe in deciding against J. M'Cleery until they had satisfactory evidence that the note had been actually paid by Hiram Kimpton himself. We, of course, recommend that the appeal be sustained.

The report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, and the memorial respecting the sale and use of ardent spirits was, on motion, taken up and read, and a substitute for the report was offered, and adopted as follows, namely:

*Substitute for Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on the subject of Traffic in Ardent Spirits.*

Whereas there appears to be some diversity of opinion as to the meaning of synod's committee, to whom was referred a memorial respecting the traffic in ardent spirits, and which was adopted at their last meeting, therefore, for the purpose of expressing more clearly the *principle* set forth in that report, and carrying it out into practice, be it resolved,

1st. That this synod *do declare* the manufacture and traffic in ardent spirits, whether by wholesale or retail, for the ordinary and common purpose for which it is ostensibly used, that is, as a beverage or article of refreshment, to be an unlawful business or employment: and they would farther state the scriptural ground on which they have been led to this conclusion. Three things are necessary to constitute any business or employment *lawful*. First, that it be a business or employment in which we can glorify God. 1 Cor. x. 31, "Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Secondly, that it be a business or employment which is not injurious, but, on the contrary, beneficial to our fellow men. See the second great commandment of the law, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Thirdly, that it be a business or employment which can be made subservient to our spiritual interests. See Matt. vi. 33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Now it must be self-evident that no person can enter into any of the branches of the above mentioned business, proposing to himself any of these ends; on the contrary, it must be "for filthy lucre's sake."

2d. That while synod are free to acknowledge that there may be a lawful use of ardent spirits, that is for medicinal or manufacturing purposes, they cannot but regard the conduct of those who engage in the above mentioned business, in any of its different branches, *knowing* that but a very small proportion is to be used in this way, while the remainder is to be applied to a purpose not merely useless, but inflicting a most serious injury upon society, as an attempt to evade the principle stated in the first resolution.

3d. That sessions are hereby enjoined to deal with such of their members as are engaged in said business, with a view of getting them to desist from it; and that presbyteries be required to report, at the next meeting of synod, how far the sessions under their inspection have complied with this requisition; and also if *any*, and if so, *how many* of their members have refused compliance.

Adjourned till half past one o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Half past 1, P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the forenoon sitting were read and approved.

Papers being called for, there was given in and read a Petition signed Thomas M'Cleery, for extracts of the paper sent to the Presbytery of Stamford, last year. The request was granted.

The Report of the Committee on Missions, in relation to foreign Missions was called up, and on motion, ordered to be printed for consideration till next meeting.

*Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.*

The committee to whom were referred the memorials on the subject of foreign missions would respectfully report, that it is their conviction that it is the duty of the Associate Church to take immediate action on this subject, and to send, as soon as practicable, the gospel to the heathen. They do not deem it necessary to enter into any argument on this subject. They may remark, however, that this conviction has been impressed on their minds by a consideration of the nature of the New Testament dispensation, as distinguished from the Old; the commission of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature;" the manner in which the gospel was first promulgated; the promise of the Father to the Son, that the heathen should be given to him for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession; the present indications of divine Providence; the calls that have been addressed to us from various parts of the church, to send the gospel to the heathen; and the willingness that is manifested in some parts of the church to contribute to this object. These are some of the reasons that have operated upon their minds in bringing them to the conclusions imbodyed in the following resolutions, which they would respectfully submit to your consideration. Resolved,

1. That it is the duty of the Associate Church to take some immediate steps preparatory to sending the gospel to the heathen.

2. That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the most suitable place that can be selected as a missionary station, and report to synod at its next meeting.

3. That a committee of three be appointed to address the members of this church, and more particularly those who have the ministry in view, on this subject, setting forth the claims of the heathen, and the great call for fervent prayer to God to bless our efforts, and for the exercise of a liberal spirit.

4. That, in sending the gospel to the heathen, two ministers shall be associated, after the example of our Lord, clothed with authority to act in a presbyterial capacity.

5. That it is not our intention, in carrying out the above resolutions, that there should be any deduction from the men and means that are employed in supplying the wants of the destitute at home.

We may remark, for the satisfaction of the synod, that the congregations of Cadiz, Cedar Creek, Massie's Creek, and Sugar Creek, have either actually contributed liberally to this object, or pledged themselves to do so; and there is little doubt but that there will be equally liberal contributions from other congregations, so soon as synod take some definite action on the subject.

THOMAS HANNA,  
GEORGE M. HALL,  
JOSEPH T. COOPER.

On motion, resolved, that the committee contemplated in the second resolution be now appointed. Messrs. Heron, D. Gordon, Cooper, M'Elwee, and Hanna, were appointed said committee.

The committee to whom the communication in reference to a version of the Psalms was referred, reported that they see no reason for taking any farther notice of the matter. The report was adopted.

The extra committee of Appeals, on the Appeal of David Barr from a deed of the Presbytery of Miami, reported. The documents in the case were read, and after a brief discussion, the question was put, "Sustain the appeal or not?" and carried, "Sustain."

The committee appointed to review the records of the Presbytery of Indiana reported, and the report was accepted.

*Auditor's Report.**Washington, June 1, 1841.*

The undersigned committee of the Board of Trustees, have examined the accounts of Mr. Daniel Houston, Treasurer of the Associate Synod, and have found them correct. The amount of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer, previously to the present meeting of Synod, has been at interest.

THOMAS BEVERIDGE,  
S. MURDOCH.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Shenango, reported that said records had not been put into their hands. The report was, on motion, accepted, and the Presbytery of Shenango were ordered to bring their minutes up next year for review.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio, reported. The report was, on motion, accepted.

*Resolved*, That fifteen dollars be paid to John Fleming for his services as sexton during the present meeting.

The report of the special committee on the report of Mr. Kendall was, on motion, taken up, and, after amendment, accepted.

*Report of Committee on Mr. Kendall's Report.*

The special committee, to which the Report of Mr. Kendall, who was appointed to labour some months last year in what had been the bounds of the Presbytery of the Carolinas, beg leave to report.

From said report it appears, that when your Missionary was faithfully and peacefully discharging the duties enjoined upon him by the authority of this Synod, and in no respects violating the laws of the country, he was subjected to severe personal abuses and maltreatment, and his life put in jeopardy.

Therefore, resolved: 1, That as Mr. Kendall was subjected to some pecuniary loss, and increased expenses in consequence of the above mentioned outrage, that the sum of \$100 be allowed him on this account.

2d, That this report contains reflections against the Presbytery of Chartiers, charging said Presbytery with an improper interference in order to prevent Mr. Bryan from fulfilling his appointment to the South, which, from the explanations given by this Presbytery, do not appear to be merited.

JAMES P. MILLER,  
C. WEBSTER,  
SAMUEL WILSON.

A request was presented by the Presbytery of Muskingum for liberty to receive Mr. Andrew Black as a student of theology under their care for the present year. The request was granted.

The following resolution was offered and agreed to, namely,

*Resolution for an answer to a Memorial by A. Whyte and others.*

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and publish an answer to the memorial signed by A. Whyte and others, and that the expenses be defrayed out of the Synod's funds.

Messrs. Anderson, Martin, and Miller were appointed said committee. It being understood that the expenses shall not exceed \$100.

*Resolved*, That the minutes be published in the Religious Monitor, and that 1000 extra copies be published.

The committee appointed to revise the minutes of last year, presented a report, which was laid on the table.

*Report on the Minutes of last year.*

The committee appointed to revise the minutes of last year, report, that they observe the following items of unfinished business, namely: the Book of Discipline, and a report of a Special Committee on abbreviating the printed Minutes.

JAMES RAMSAY,  
W. M. MELWEE.

On motion, the synod went into committee of the whole on the subject of the Bible Society.



The Treasurer's Report was read, and, on motion, accepted.

*Report of Treasurer of the Bible Fund, for the year ending May 28, 1841.*

1840.—			
June 1,	Balance in Treasurer's hands per last Report,	.....	\$593 22
1841.—April 23,	Cash received from Robert George, Scroggsfield, Ohio,		30 00
" 28,	" " from Thomas Burns, Covington, N. Y.,		5 00
	Interest on last year's balance,	.....	36 00
May 15,	Cash received from Second Congregation of Philadelphia,		10 54
" 27,	Cash received from Rev. James P. Miller, S. Argyle,		
	N. Y.,	.....	\$23 43
" "	Cash received from Rev. A. Anderson, W. Hebron,		
" "	N. Y.,	.....	27 80
" "	Cash received from a friend, at Massie's Creek,		
" "	Ohio,	.....	1 00
" 28,	Cash received from Rev. Robert Forrester,		
" "	Truro, Ohio,	.....	5 37
" "	Cash received from Rev. Andrew Heron,		
" "	Cæsar's Creek, Ohio,	.....	7 90
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			\$740 04

1840.—

CONTRA.

June 11,	Amount of Bibles sent Rev. A. Anderson, W. Hebron, ....	3 00
Sept. 11,	" Bibles sent Rev. John G. Smart, Baltimore, ....	5 70
Dec. 10,	" Bibles sent Rev. James P. Miller, S. Argyle, N.Y.	5 70
" "	" Bibles sent Rev. A. Anderson, W. Hebron, N.Y.	27 80
March 22,	" Bibles sent Rev. John G. Smart, Baltimore, ...	18 40
May 6,	" Bibles sent Robert George, Scroggsfield, Ohio,	35 40
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		\$ 96 00
	Balance in Treasury,	.....
		\$644 04

*Washington, Pa., June 1, 1841.*

JOSEPH R. DICKSON, *Treasurer pro tem.*

June 3,	Received additional from Rev. A. Anderson, W. Hebron, N. Y.,	\$12 00
" " "	" " from Rev. James Wallace, Congregation of	
" " "	Cherokee, Ohio,	5 00
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		\$17 00

Total amount due by Treasurer, ..... \$661 04

The following question was proposed, namely,

*Question on the purchase of Bibles, &c.*

Should an opportunity of procuring a large number of Bibles, lower than the market prices, or a set of stereotype plates, properly executed, at less than the usual prices, would the executive committee be authorized to invest the Funds, by the purchase of such Bibles, or Plates? Or are they merely to purchase Bibles as they are ordered.

The synod answer, that the whole matter is left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Executive Committee of last year were re-appointed.

The committee rose and reported.

The minutes of the present sitting were read and approved, and after prayer, singing part of the 132d Psalm, and the Apostolical Benediction, the synod adjourned to meet at Xenia on the Fourth Wednesday of May, 1842, at 4 o'clock, P. M. Sermon at 2 o'clock.

ANDREW HERON, *Synod's Clerk.*

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF INDIANA.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Nath. Ingles	Burnett's Creek	Lockport	Carroll	Ind.		
	Pleasant Run			do		
J. M. Henderson	Carmel	South Hanover	Jefferson	do	69	160
	Clarke			do		
James Dickson	Portland	Portland Mills	Putnam	do	41	96
J. L. McLean	Princeton	Princeton	Gibson	do	27	56
	Midway			do		
J. N. Laughhead	Bloomington	Monroe	do	do	21	55
	Otter Creek			do		
	Madison	Bryantsburgh	Jefferson	do		
Vacancies	Big Creek					
	Laporte					
	Union					

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MUSKINGUM.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
John Walker	Unity	New Athens	Harrison	Ohio	90	209
Thomas Hanna	Cadiz	Cadiz	do	do	84	174
Daniel McLean	Bloomfield	N. Concord	Muskingum	do	118	249
	Northfield	do	do	do		
Thomas Wilson	Carmel	Leavitt	Carroll	do		
	North Union	do	do	do		
	Scroggsfield	Scroggsfield	Carroll	do	41	79
James Patterson	Yellow Creek	do	do	do	31	70
	Glade Run	do	do	do	21	41
Samuel McArthur	McMahon's Cr'k	St. Clairsville	Belmont	do	29	61
	Belmont	do	do	do	39	77
James McGill	Cambridge	Cambridge	Guernsey	do	25	35
	Clear Fork	do	do	do	31	69
	Claysville	do	do	do		
	Sharon	Jefferson	Harrison	do		
John Bryan	New Market	do	do	do		
	Jefferson	do	do	do		
	Londonderry	Londonderry	Guernsey	do		
	Mount Pleasant	Smithfield	Jefferson	do		
Vacancies	Piney Fork	do	do	do		
	Westchester		Tuscarawas	do		
	New Washington		Guernsey	do		

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF STAMFORD.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
John Russell	Stamford	Queenston		U. C.	35	80
James Strang	Dumfries	Galt		do		230
D. Strang	York	Peoria	Genesee	N. Y.		63
D. Coutts	Esquising	Esquising		U. C.		70
Vacancies	London			do		11
	Chinguacousey					25

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ILLINOIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	State.	Fam.	Com.
James C. Bruce	Henderson	Monmouth	Warren	Ill.	86	113
William Bruce	Bethel	Olena	Henderson	do	30	60
James Templeton	Granville	Hennepin	Putnam	do		
William Smith	Pisgah	Washington	Henry	Iowa		
	Tirzah	do	do	do		
G. C. Vincent	Grandview	Grandview	Louisa	do		
	Unity	Columbus	Randolph	Ill.		
	Apple Creek	White Hall	Green	do		
	Sugar Creek	Lebanon	Madison	do		
Vacancies	Edwards	Millersburgh	Mercer	do		
	Weathersfield	Weathersfield	Henry	do		
	Galena	Galena	Jo. Davies	do		
	Buffalo	Louisiana	Pike	Mo.		

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
A. Heron . . .	Cesar Creek . . .	Jamestown . . .	Greene . . .	Ohio . . .	45	120
Samuel Wilson . . .	Xenia . . .	Xenia . . .	do . . .	do . . .	91	200
James Wallace . . .	Cherokee . . .	Cherokee . . .	Logan . . .	do . . .	37	88
Thomas S. Kendall . . .	Fork Creek . . .	Madisonville . . .	Monroe . . .	Ten. . .		
Jas. P. Smart . . .	Massie's Creek . . .	Xenia . . .	Greene . . .	Ohio . . .	91	202
G. M. Hall . . .	Sugar Creek . . .	Centreville . . .	Montgomery . . .	do . . .	37	81
	Big Spring . . .		Blount . . .	Ten. . .		
	Pistol Creek . . .	Maryville . . .	do . . .	do . . .		
	Salem . . .			do . . .		
	Limestone . . .			do . . .		
	Rocky Spring . . .	Abingdon . . .	Washington . . .	Va. . .		
	Tuscaloosa . . .	Tuscaloosa . . .		Ala. . .		
	Salt River . . .			Ky. . .		
Vacancies . . .	Poplar Ridge . . .	Ottoway . . .	Putnam . . .	Ohio . . .		
	Planefield . . .	Finley . . .	Hancock . . .	do . . .		
	Kenton . . .	Kenton . . .	Hardin . . .	do . . .		
	Round Head . . .	Round Head . . .	do . . .	do . . .		
	Cherry Fork . . .	Cherry Fork . . .	Adams . . .	do . . .		
	Au Gleize . . .	Wapenkonneta . . .	Allen . . .	do . . .		
	Darby . . .	Milford . . .	Union . . .	do . . .		
	Sugar Run . . .		do . . .	do . . .		

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SHENANGO.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Daniel McLean . . .	Venango . . .	Hart's x roads . . .	Crawford . . .	Penn. . .	200	500
	Salem . . .		do . . .	do . . .		
John France . . .	Glade Run . . .	Bakerstown . . .	Butler . . .	do . . .	60	200
	Concaut . . .	Meadville . . .	Crawford . . .	do . . .	25	50
Matth. Snodgrass . . .	French Creek . . .		do . . .	do . . .	32	30
	Cherry Run . . .		Venango . . .	do . . .	20	89
Wm. C. Pollock . . .	Harmony . . .	Harrisville . . .	Butler . . .	do . . .	80	120
	Unity . . .		do . . .	do . . .	55	100
E. Small . . .	Springfield . . .		Mercer . . .	do . . .	48	110
	Rocky Spring . . .		do . . .	do . . .	56	126
D. H. A. McLean . . .	Mercer . . .	Mercer . . .	do . . .	do . . .	26	82
	New Castle . . .	New Castle . . .	do . . .	do . . .	32	70
Vacancies . . .	Neshannock . . .		do . . .	do . . .	20	43
	Mount Prospect . . .		do . . .	do . . .	26	83

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Peter Campbell . . .	Florida . . .	Schenectady . . .	Schenectady . . .	N. Y. . .	42	140
James Martin . . .	Albany . . .	Albany . . .	Albany . . .	do . . .	70	153
John Graham . . .	Bovina . . .	Bovina Centre . . .	Delaware . . .	do . . .	82	158
	New York . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do . . .		
Vacancies . . .	Johnstown . . .	Johnstown . . .	Montgomery . . .	do . . .		
	Newark . . .	Newark . . .		N. J. . .		
Without charge . . .						
David R. De Freest . . .		West Troy . . .	Albany . . .	N. Y. . .		

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
James P. Miller . . .	Argyle . . .	Lake P. O., N. Y. . .	Wash'n. . .	N. Y. . .	125	277
A. Gordon . . .	Putnam . . .	Putnam . . .	do . . .	do . . .	48	105
D. Gordon . . .	Salem . . .	Anaquasscook . . .	do . . .	do . . .	50	80
A. Anderson . . .	Hebron . . .	Salem . . .	do . . .	do . . .	72	157
	Cambridge . . .	Cambridge . . .	do . . .	do . . .		150
	North Argyle . . .	North Argyle . . .	do . . .	do . . .		110
	Hemmingsford . . .			L. C. . .		
Vacancies . . .	Beech Ridge . . .			do . . .		
	Hinchlingbrook . . .			do . . .		
	Barnet . . .	Barnet . . .	Caledonia . . .	Vt. . .	80	200
	Ryegate . . .	Ryegate . . .	do . . .	do . . .	65	143

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CHARTIERS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Wm. Wilson	{ Monteur's Run	Clinton . . .	Allegheny	Penn.	40	140
	{ Robinson . . .	. . . . .	Washington	do	43	90
Jas. Ramsay, D.D.	Chartiers . . .	Canonsburgh	Washington	Penn.	122	430
David French	N. & S. Buffalo	Washington	do	do	110	240
Alex. Donnan	Mt. Pleasant	Hickory . . .	do	do	80	163
Wm. M. McElwee	Service & King's c.	Frankfort . . .	Beaver . . .	. . .	116	264
Bankhead Boyd	Pigeon Creek	Dunningsville	Washington	do	54	106
T. Beveridge, D.D.	Washington . .	Washington	do	do	25	72
David Thompson	{ Mt. Hope . .	W. Middletown	do	do	33	83
	{ Cross Creek . .	. . . . .	Brooke . .	Va.	24	64
James McCarrell	Tumbleston's Run	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . .	31	53
James A. Brown	Peter's Creek	Canonsburg . .	Washington	do	90	204
J. M. French	Noblestown . .	. . . . .	Allegheny	do	50	117
	{ Bethesda . .	W. Alexandria	do	do		
Vacancies.	{ Wheeling . .	Claysville . .	. . . . .	do		
	{ Burgetstown . .	. . . . .	Washington	do	85	180

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE ASSOCIATE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Robert Bruce, D.D.	Pittsburg	Pittsburg . .	Allegheny	Penn.	80	250
John Dickey	{ Rich-Hill . .	. . . . .	Armstrong	do	58	140
	{ Buffalo . .	Kittaning . .	do	do	60	230
Joseph Scroggs	{ Fairfield . .	. . . . .	Westmoreland	do		
	{ Donegal . .	Ligonier . .	do			
	{ Indiana . .	Indiana . .	Indiana . .	. . .		160
David Blair	{ Union . .	. . . . .	do	do		180
	{ Glade Run . .	Glade Run . .	Armstrong	do	21	50
John Hindman	{ Lower Piney . .	. . . . .	do	do	11	32
	{ Mahoning . .	. . . . .	Indiana	do	25	58
	{ Berachah . .	. . . . .	do	do	15	30
	{ Bethel . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do		
Wm. Galbraith	{ Turtle Creek . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do		
	{ Freeport . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do		
John McAuley	Cherry Run . .	. . . . .	Clarion . .	do	35	70
James Rogers	Allegheny . .	Allegheny . .	Allegheny . .	do	185	210
Thomas Gilkerson	{ Conemaugh . .	Saltsburgh . .	Indiana . .	do		
	{ Warren . .	. . . . .	Armstrong . .	do		
	{ Jefferson . .	Brookville . .	Jefferson . .	do	48	87
	{ Upper Piney . .	Strattonville . .	Clarion . .	do	25	44
Vacancies.	{ Clearfield . .	Curwensville . .	Clearfield . .	do		
	{ Gibson's . .	Punxatawny . .	Jefferson . .	do	5	13
	{ Concord . .	Rural Valley . .	Armstrong . .	do	12	53

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
David Imbrie . .	{ Darlington . .	Darlington . .	Beaver . .	Penn.	60	140
	{ Bethel . .	. . . . .	do . .	do	70	150
Alex. Murray . .	{ Mountville . .	Portersville . .	Butler . .	do	70	140
	{ Slippery Rock . .	. . . . .	do . .	do	80	150
Elijah N. Scroggs	4 Mile Square . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	Ohio		
David Goodwillie	{ Poland . .	Poland . .	Trumbull . .	do	67	139
	{ Liberty . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do	79	115
	{ Milton . .	Warren . .	Trumbull . .	do		
Wm. Douthet . .	{ Palmyra . .	. . . . .	Carroll . .	do	8	
	{ Newton . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do	18	87
James P. Ramsay	Deer Creek . .	New Bedford	Mercer . .	Penn.	103	210
J. W. Harsha . .	{ West Union . .	New Lisbon	Columbiana . .	Ohio	75	150
	{ New Lisbon . .	do	do	do		
	{ Northfield . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do		
Vacancies . .	{ Stow . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do		
	{ Springfield . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do		
	{ West Beaver . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do		

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
F. W. Naughton	Mercersburgh	Mercersburgh	Franklin	Penn.		102
	M-Connelsburgh	do . . .	do . . .	do		100
	Octorara . .	Sunflower . .	Lancaster . .	do		65
W. Easton	E. Nottingham	do . . .	do . . .	do		57
	Muddy Run . .	do . . .	do . . .	do		20
John Adams	Guinston . .	L. Chanceford	York . . .	do		100
	Lower Chancef'd	do . . .	do . . .	do		50
John S. Easton	Stone Valley .	Brown's Mills	Mifflin . .	do		
	Kishacoquillas	do . . .	do . . .	do		
	Lewistown . .	do . . .	do . . .	do		
C. Webster	1 Cong. Phila.	Philadelphia .	Philadelphia	do	100	263
John G. Smart	Baltimore . .	Baltimore . .	Baltimore	Md.	39	70
Joe. T. Cooper	2 Cong. Phila.	Philadelphia .	Philadelphia	Penn.	45	120
D. Anderson	Carlisle . .	Carlisle . .	Cumberland	do		
	Dickinson . .	do . . .	do . . .	do		
	Wheatfield . .	do . . .	do . . .	do		
	Huntingdon .	Huntingdon .	Huntingdon	do		
Vacancies.	Belfonte . .	Belfonte . .	Centre . .	do		
	Sinking Creek	Potter's Mills	do . . .	do		
	Rehoboth . .	. . . . .	Union . .	do		

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	State.	Fam.	Com.
Samuel Hindman	Mansfield . .	Mansfield . .	Richland .	Ohio	19	43
	Haysville . .	Hays x roads	do	do	27	62
	N. Washington	Iberia . .	Marion .	do	23	53
	S. Washington	Smith's Mills	do	do	18	41
Joseph M'Kee .	Wooster . .	Wooster . .	Wayne . .	do	42	83
	Dalton . . .	Dalton . . .	do . . .	do	25	55
Robert Forrester	Truro . . .	Reynoldsburgh	Franklin .	do	43	87
David Lindsay .	Jona's. Creek	Rehoboth . .	Perry . .	do	15	31
	Goshen . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do	9	19
	Licking . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do	8	16
Vacancies . .	Eden . . .	Eden . . .	Delaware .	do		
	Keen . . .	Keen . . .	Coshockton			

## SUMMARY OF THE PRECEDING TABLES.

	Ministers.	Congregations set. tied and vacant.	Families.	Communicants.
Cambridge . . . . .	4	11	450	1212
Ohio . . . . .	7	17	690	1431
Chartiers . . . . .	11	17	903	2025
Miami . . . . .	6	21	311	691
Philadelphia . . . . .	8	20	184	847
Allegheny . . . . .	9	24	48	1607
Muskingum . . . . .	8	22	506	1064
Albany . . . . .	4	6	194	451
Shenango . . . . .	6	14	679	1557
Stamford . . . . .	4	6	35	479
Indiana . . . . .	5	13	158	367
Illinois . . . . .	5	13	116	270
Richland . . . . .	4	12	296	603
Ministers itinerating . . . . .	12			
Total	93	196	4,570	12,675



ART. II.—*Minutes of the General Assembly.*

WE extract so much of the minutes of this body as appear to be generally interesting.

"A letter was received from the Rev. Doctor George Potts, resigning his place in the Committee of Psalmody. The resignation was accepted."

"Mr. Krebs, from the committee appointed by the last Assembly to revise the articles of correspondence with the General Association of Connecticut, made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"The committee appointed by the last Assembly to revise the articles of correspondence between this General Assembly and the General Association of Connecticut, with a particular view of ascertaining whether the certificates given to ministers and candidates from the state of Connecticut, shall not hereafter be required from the Pastoral Union, and not, as heretofore, from the General Association, respectfully report,

"That they have deemed it sufficient for the purposes of their appointment, to submit the two following facts, viz:

"1. The certificates of dismission granted by the particular associations, to ministers, &c., coming from Connecticut, are, by the terms of our correspondence with the General Association, of equal validity, as to their *prima facie* claim to be honoured by this church, whether emanating from associations composed of a majority of adherents to the New Haven School, or of a majority of the friends of the doctrines taught at East Windsor, (which is under the control of the Pastoral Union.) And by the very constitution of these associations, they must necessarily give the usual certificate of good standing to all persons alike, without reference to the place of their theological education, or the phases of their theological sentiments. There is no discrimination between such '*shades of difference*' as are known to prevail in Connecticut; and the documents thus granted contain no hint to enable us to conjecture whether the persons to whom they are given are of the orthodox faith, or of the doctrine taught at New Haven.

The provision now existing among us, by which presbyteries are enjoined to examine all persons applying for admission from other bodies, may be regarded as affording at least a partial protection against the introduction of New Havenism through this channel. And this provision would be neither more nor less necessary nor serviceable, were the terms of correspondence abrogated or continued.

"Although the '*particular view*' of the committee has been directed by the Assembly to this point, there is yet another involved in the terms of correspondence; that is, the exchange of delegates between the General Association and the General Assembly. The committee do not see it necessary to recommend the abrogation of this provision. They are assured that the interchange is desired by the friends of sound theology in Connecticut, and that they would regret the interruption of it. They have uniformly, in the General Association, recognised, and even advocated the ecclesiastical rights and legitimacy of this Assembly; have urged the continuance of this interchange, and have succeeded, from year to year, in securing the appointment of delegates from the Association to this Assembly, notwithstanding the Assembly, for some years past, has omitted to make the reciprocal appointments. Moreover, the General Association did, last year, formally request the General Assembly to continue the correspondence, and have this year sent delegates to the Assembly, notwithstanding the Assembly has not, so far, taken any notice of that request.

"2. The Pastoral Union is not a body ecclesiastically organized for the purposes contemplated by the Assembly's resolution appointing the present committee. It is a voluntary association of ministers who are members of the various particular associations represented by the General Association, and its organization is for a specific purpose, which is not only not inconsistent with their original relationship to the General Association, but does not require a separation from the General Association, which is the only recognised and distinct ecclesiastical representative of the Congregational churches of Connecticut. The Pastoral Union, therefore, neither exercises the functions, nor deems it proper or necessary to do so, of licensing, ordaining, or judging ministers, and of course neither receives nor dismisses ministers, &c., in the sense contemplated by the Assembly. Those functions are performed solely by the re-

gularly established ecclesiastical bodies, namely, the particular associations to which the individual members of the Pastoral Union respectively belong. And therefore the Pastoral Union is incapable of being a party to such a correspondence as that which exists between the General Assembly and various other regularly organized and distinct ecclesiastical denominations, without being *ipso facto* placed in such a posture as would involve the union in the necessity of licensing candidates and ordaining ministers, which would be in effect to secede from the ecclesiastical establishment in Connecticut, and to assume the position of a distinct and independent denomination.

"JOHN M. KREBS, for the Committee.

"*Philadelphia, May 21, 1841.*"

Among other papers reported by the Committee on Bills and Overtures, was the following:—

"Overture, proposing the rescinding of the resolution of Assembly passed in 1837, making it imperative on presbyteries to examine all applicants for admission from other presbyteries.

"The committee further reported that certain papers had been put into their hands on the subject of slavery, which they deemed it expedient not to offer to the house; and they proposed that the same be returned to the persons from whom they came. A motion was made that one or more of the papers be read. After debate, the previous question was called, and the motion was indefinitely postponed. Mr. Steel then called for the reading. After debate, the previous question was called, and the whole matter was indefinitely postponed."

"The committee further reported that another paper on the subject of slavery had been put into their hands, which they recommended to be returned to the persons from whom it came. Mr. Steel called for the reading, and made the point of order. Mr. Sloss objected to the reading; and the moderator decided, that as the whole subject of slavery had been indefinitely postponed by a previous vote of the house, the call for the reading was not in order. And then the recommendation of the Committee of Bills and Overtures was adopted."

"The committee to whom was referred the subject of electing delegates to corresponding bodies made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"The Committee on Correspondence with the several Ecclesiastical Bodies, to which the Assembly, previous to the secession of a part of their body in 1838, sent delegates, report, that in the year 1840, and again this year, the General Association of Connecticut sent delegates to the General Assembly. The committee recommend that, agreeably to the original terms of correspondence, this Assembly elect three delegates to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Connecticut; and that the delegates so elected propose to the General Association of Connecticut to reduce the number of delegates from each body to the other to two or one.

"The committee further report, that on a request from the General Conference of Maine, the correspondence with that body was formally renewed by the General Assembly of 1840, which Assembly appointed a delegate to Maine, and that there is a delegate from that body in this Assembly; the committee recommend to the Assembly to elect a delegate to the next General Conference of the state of Maine.

"The committee also report that they have learned that the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, at their meeting in June last, appointed delegates to attend this Assembly; and they therefore recommend that two delegates, a minister and a ruling elder, be elected to attend the next General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

"With respect to the other bodies formerly in correspondence with the General Assembly, in as much as they have not, since the year 1838, when a part of the Assembly seceded, and constituted a new body, sent any delegates to the General Assembly, or any communication on the subject of correspondence, the committee recommend that no delegates be sent to these bodies; and that the Assembly consider the correspondence with them as having *de facto* terminated."

"The committee on overture No. 2 made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

"The committee to whom was referred the overture of the Board of Foreign Missions, relative to the formation of presbyteries in heathen lands, report, that the General Assembly of 1838 expressed it as their judgment, that our fo-

reign missionaries ought, if circumstances permit them, to organize themselves into presbyteries, and your committee, believing that the usefulness of the missionaries would be greatly increased by such a measure, recommend to this Assembly for their adoption the following resolutions, viz:

"1. That the Rev. Messrs. Henry R. Wilson, Jr., of Presbytery of Carlisle, Synod of Philadelphia; James L. Scott, of Presbytery of New Castle, Synod of Philadelphia; William H. M'Auley, of Presbytery of New Brunswick, Synod of New Jersey; John C. Rankin, of Presbytery of Orange, Synod of North Carolina, be, and they hereby are organized into a Presbytery, to be known as the Presbytery of *Furrukabad*.

"2. That the Rev. Messrs. James Wilson, of Presbytery of Hudson, Synod of New York; John H. Morrison, of Presbytery of New York, Synod of New York; Joseph Warren, of Presbytery of Ohio, Synod of Pittsburgh; John E. Freeman, of Presbytery of Elizabethtown, Synod of New Jersey; Joseph Owen, of Presbytery of Bedford, Synod of New York, be, and they hereby are organized into a Presbytery, to be known as the Presbytery of *Allahabad*.

"3. That these two presbyteries be required to meet at such times and places as the interests of the mission seem to require, and then and there to constitute as presbyteries agreeably to this action of the General Assembly, and that the oldest minister in each presbytery who is present, preach the opening sermon, and preside until a moderator be chosen; and that they report their proceedings to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

"4. That these two presbyteries now organized, together with the Presbytery of Lodiana, which is hereby detached from the Synod of New York, be, and they are hereby erected into a synod, to be known as the Synod of Northern India, in connexion with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; and that said synod meet and constitute at such time and place as the circumstances and interests of the mission may suggest, and that the opening sermon be preached by the oldest minister present, who shall preside until a moderator be chosen.

5. "That by this procedure, this Assembly has no intention to question the right of these brethren, now removed provisionally out of our bounds, to organize themselves, if they prefer it, into presbyteries, according to the views expressed by the Assembly of 1838."

"The committee on the report of the Standing Committee on Psalmody reported, and it was

"*Resolved*, That the committee be continued, with the addition of the Rev. Messrs. Wm. M. Engles, D. D., and John M. Krebs; that the committee shall be authorized, at their discretion, to print an edition so soon as they shall be prepared, and that their present report be printed in the appendix to the minutes."

"On motion, the resolution declaring the correspondence with foreign bodies to be at an end was reconsidered, and repealed in so far as relates to the General Association of Massachusetts.

"The committee on Overture No. 10, viz: Relative to a directory for the admission of persons to the church on a public profession of their faith, and also on the administration of adult baptism, made a report which was adopted as follows, viz:

"That in as much as there is a diversity of opinions and practice, *first*, on the propriety of such a form, and, *secondly*, on the mode of such admission, the whole subject be referred to a select committee, who shall carefully examine the whole subject, and mature such directory, in case they should think it expedient and desirable, and report to the next General Assembly.

"The Committee on Domestic Correspondence made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

"The Committee on Domestic Correspondence, to whom was committed a copy of the printed minutes of the General Convention of Vermont, convened August, 1839, report, that in the minutes referred to them, they find the following resolution:

"*Voted*, That the Convention invite a correspondence with the Assembly of which the Rev. Dr. Wilson was the last moderator, and that the register be directed to communicate this vote."

"The committee recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That, agreeably to the above invitation of the General Convention of Vermont, the Assembly will correspond with that body by delegation, as formerly."

"On motion, overture No. 8, for the repeal of the rule making it imperative on presbyteries to examine applicants for admission from other presbyteries, was taken up and indefinitely postponed."

"On motion, the report of the committee on overture No. 11, viz: On ordination, and on ministers resigning their office, was taken up, and it was referred to a committee, who are instructed to report to the next General Assembly."

"Mr. Barnes moved the following minute, viz:

"The General Assembly has reason to believe that the practice of reading sermons in the pulpit is greatly on the increase amongst our ministers; and being decidedly of opinion that this is not the best method of preaching the gospel, it hereby recommends the discontinuance of the practice, as far as possible, and earnestly exhorts our younger ministers to adopt a different method, as more scriptural and effective."

"It was moved that it be indefinitely postponed; and after debate, the previous question was called and ordered, and the motion was adopted."

The editor of the Presbyterian says, "The General Assembly, after an animated debate, adopted a resolution condemnatory of reading sermons from the pulpit;" and yet the *language* of their minute implies that the motion for indefinite postponement was adopted. It is probable the editor is right, and the minute wrong. If so, this resolution will be regarded by many as one step in reformation.

But why do the General Assembly so pertinaciously exclude discussion respecting the grossest and most alarming of our national sins—*slavery*? This fact is deeply to be lamented by the friends of religion and humanity. It makes the heart sad to contemplate the fearful results that must ultimately attend this guilty and short-sighted policy. Slavery in the United States must terminate. It cannot for ever pollute the soil and darken the moral atmosphere of these states. It cannot for ever trample down the inalienable rights of man, nor for ever shut out the "gospel of the grace of God," (which proclaims both civil and religious liberty to them that are bound,) from millions of the human race. Why, then, should the professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, in defiance of the light both of nature and divine revelation, refuse to lift their warning voice? Palliate, disguise, conceal, evade, or resist this question with all the skill of learning, and all the influence of power, slavery must and will be abolished; for Jehovah has both decreed and commanded the liberation of these captives. If we surrender voluntarily to Jehovah's will, like Nineveh of old we may yet escape. Is it not, then, better, yea infinitely better, to bow before the golden sceptre of his mercy, than be dashed to pieces by the rod of his power? Let baptized infidelity sneer, and call this cant, or fanaticism; again we repeat, and not we, but the voice of God speaking in the scriptures, declares, whether men will or not, AMERICAN SLAVERY WILL BE ABOLISHED.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The lines of "R. T. M.," on the death of General Harrison, are good of their kind, but better adapted to the secular press than to the design of the Monitor.



*Female Seminary at Washington, Pa.*

A recent visit to this institution has left an impression highly favourable. For literary attainments, good taste, sound morals, and religious principles, Miss SARAH FOSTER, the enterprising principal has, perhaps, few superiors in the country. Under her auspices the institution has suddenly emerged from obscurity to public observation and favour. The trustees have resolved to add another wing to the building during the present summer. The location is admirable for accommodation, health, and beauty of scenery. It has peculiar claims upon the patronage of Seceders, as Miss F. is herself a Seceder, and her pupils have a convenient opportunity of enjoying the pastoral labours of Dr. Beveridge, whose place of public worship is within a quarter of a mile of the seminary.

*The Arminian Controversy.*—We announced our intention, two years since, to present to the readers of the Monitor, a full exposition of the *Five Points* in this controversy, namely; Election—Particular Redemption—Efficacious Grace—The Guilt and Corruption of Human Nature, and Impotence of the Will of Man to that which is Spiritually Good—and Final Perseverance. This intention has never been abandoned. The mass of materials and the difficulty of a judicious selection, however, have deterred us hitherto from the undertaking. But, notwithstanding these difficulties, we have resolved to proceed in the execution of our original plan. It is, proposed, then to commence in the next number with “The First Part of Dr. Gill’s Reply to Whitby,” and complete the whole in the present volume of the Monitor, “in which are considered the several passages of Scripture made use of by Dr. Whitby and others, in favour of the Universal Scheme and against the Calvinistic Scheme, in which their arguments and objections are answered, and the several passages set in a just and proper light.”

These texts are the following: Gen. iv. 7; vi. 3; Deut. v. 29; viii. 2; xxx. 19; xxxii. 29; Ps. lxxxi. 13, 14; cxv. 3; cxlv. 9; Prov. i. 22, 30; Isa. i. 16, 17; i. 18, 20; v. 4; xxx. 15; lv. 1; lv. 6; lv. 7; Jer. lv. 4; Ezek. xviii. 24; xviii. 30; xviii. 31, 32; xxiv. 13; Matt. v. 13; xi. 21, 23; xxiii. 37; xxv. 14, 30; Luke xix. 41, 42; John i. 7; v. 34; v. 40; xii. 32; Acts iii. 19; vii. 51; Rom. v. 18; xi. 32; xiv. 15; 1 Cor. viii. 11; x. 12; 2 Cor. v. 14, 15; v. 19; vi. 1; xi. 2, 3; Phil. iii. 12; 1 Tim. i. 19, 20; ii. 4; iv. 10; Tit. ii. 11, 12; Epistle to the Hebrews, Heb. ii. 9; vi. 4, 6; x. 26, 29; x. 38; 2 Pet. i. 10; ii. 1; ii. 20, 22; iii. 9; 1 John ii. 2; Jude 21; Rev. ii. iii. iv. 20. The whole will make about 150 pages. The Book has never been reprinted in this country, and is itself intrinsically worth, to those who have not read it, the whole amount of one year’s subscription. Persons desirous of obtaining this work in this manner will send in their names as subscribers to the present volume of the Monitor, with as little delay as possible; so that on the one hand we may be enabled to print a sufficient number of copies to supply the demand, and on the other may not incur the expense of printing surplus copies which may not be wanted.

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